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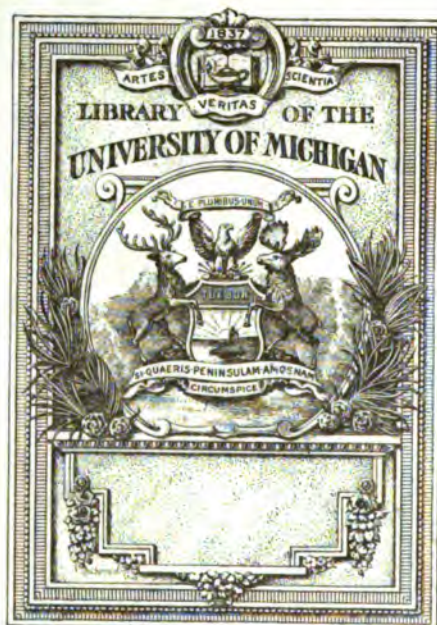
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PREFACE.

IN the present volume are calendared the documents of the twelve months from 1 March, 1675, to 29 February, 1676.

The King went to Newmarket on 10 March and stayed there till the 27th, when he returned to London (p. 472). Though the weather was very disagreeable, March dust and December ice (p. 21), he and the Duke of York were described as having never been in better health or humour (p. 34). At one race a Fellow of Jesus College crossed the course and threw down a Scotch horse which had otherwise beaten Diamond, the favourite (p. 19). Another favourite, Lusty, was beaten by Nutmeg (pp. 24, 25, 28). Two or three thousand pounds were betted on that match (p. 24), and one gentleman, of 120*l.* a year rent, was engaged 900*l.* deep (p. 25). The King himself rode three heats and a course and won the plate by good horsemanship (p. 35).

On 26 June (p. 183) the King sailed from Gravesend for Portsmouth, accompanied by the Dukes of York and Monmouth and several lords and gentlemen, to see the launch of the *Royal James*, built by Mr. Deane and acknowledged to be the most complete piece in the Navy (p. 191). The weather however being bad, the voyage proved very tedious, and the King did not arrive till 2 July at one in the morning, too late for the launch, which took place on Tuesday the 29th (p. 194).

Detailed accounts of the voyage will be found in various letters calendared from p. 183 to p. 195, among them being two from Pepys, who had gone to Portsmouth. It was feared that the *Katherine* yacht had been lost (p. 195), but this was not the case. At Portsmouth the King was much pleased at viewing the *Royal James* and also at seeing one of the yachts built by Mr. Deane for the French King at Versailles drawn

on a cradle at least 200 yards to the seaside, where it was lifted out with tackle and other engines, though it weighed at least 42 tons, and let down gently on the ooze, where it lay till the tide came in and set it afloat (p. 195).

The yachts in question sailed the end of the month for Havre, convoyed by the *Cleveland* and *Merlin* yachts (p. 234), the captains of which were each presented with a gold chain and medal by the French King for their services (p. 268). Their builder followed them to Havre early in August (p. 252). After dinner the King saw the garrison exercise (p. 195) and knighted Sir John Tippetts, Sir Richard Haddock and Sir Anthony Deane, Commissioners of the Navy, and Sir Roger Manley, Deputy Governor of Portsmouth (p. 197), and at night was entertained with fireworks (p. 195). He dined the next day at Titchfield with Mr. Noel and that evening embarked in the *Harwich* for London (p. 197), which he reached on the 5th (p. 199), and went to Windsor the next day or the day after (p. 203) and stayed there or at Hampton Court till early in September (p. 289), when he returned to Whitehall, where he seems to have remained till March, with the exception of a visit of a day or two in February to Windsor (p. 559).

A Mr. Stisted or Stysted was sent to the Gatehouse in December for false and seditious speeches (p. 451). He was charged with saying there were reports about that Tangier was to be sold to the French, that the King had again shut up the Exchequer, that he was going to France to live with the Duchess of Portsmouth and that she had sent a great sum out of England. He had been told that the Duchess had said to the Queen or to some of her servants that she was as much the King's wife as the Queen, only she had not been married by a bishop (pp. 432, 434, 437, 440, 441).

Two of the King's natural children by the Duchess of Cleveland, the Earl of Southampton and the Earl of Euston, were created Duke of Southampton (p. 241) and Duke of Grafton (p. 221), and his son by the Duchess of Portsmouth

was created Duke of Richmond in England (p. 224) and Duke of Lenox in Scotland (pp. 265, 289) and granted arms, &c. (p. 326). A similar grant was made to the Earl of Plymouth, another of the King's natural sons (p. 356). In January, 1676, the Duchess of Cleveland went to France with her two sons, the Duke of Grafton and the Earl of Northumberland, for their better education (p. 532). The spelling of a letter from the Duchess of Portsmouth from Wilton, where she was visiting her sister, the Countess of Pembroke, seemed sufficiently remarkable to warrant its being given *verbatim et literatim* (p. 33).

From the petition of Richard Yates it appears that his father, who had conducted the King from Worcester to Whiteladies, was hanged because he would not discover where he had seen him last (p. 7).

Mr. Whitgrave, to whose house the King had gone from Boscobel, and the Pendrells were prosecuted for being Papists (p. 87).

On pp. 177, 178 will be found lists of articles to be supplied by the Great Wardrobe for the King's Closet and the Chapel Royal. Among the latter are mentioned one gross of points of silk for the copes and three gispins, which were leather pots.

In February orders were issued for regulating the public healings by the King to prevent the disorders that had happened from disagreements between the serjeant chirurgeon, the chirurgeon to the person and the chirurgeon to the Household. All public healings were appointed to take place from Ash Wednesday to the end of May and from 1 September to 30 November (p. 539).

The Duke of York accompanied the King to Newmarket (p. 19) and Portsmouth. In December there was a wild rumour in Kent that he had quarrelled with the King and had wounded him mortally and had fled to France (p. 466). A *caveat* was entered in September that nothing pass in favour of the patentees of Connecticut to the prejudice of the Duke's

interest in New York without notice (p. 290). In November and December the Duke's claims for deficiencies due to him under the Acts of Settlement and Explanation were referred to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Privy Seal (pp. 378, 442).

Parliament met on 13 April after a prorogation of more than 13 months (p. 63) and sat till 9 June, when it was prorogued on account of the quarrel between the two Houses about the right of the House of Lords to hear appeals in suits to which a member of the House of Commons was a party. It sat again from 13 October till 22 November, when it was again prorogued till February, 1676-7, for the same reason. There are numerous accounts of the proceedings of both Houses, but with very few exceptions they contain nothing of interest which is not recorded in the Journals. Before the meeting in October the two Secretaries of State wrote to several members desiring their attendance (pp. 302, 304).

On pp. 69 and 95 and 98 will be found papers about disputed returns for Aldborough and Thirsk in Yorkshire, the point at issue being as to the qualifications of the voters. One of the parties concerned in the former return was the well known Sir John Reresby. On p. 122 is a case relating to the York election, and on p. 124 one relating to the Chester election between Col. Werden and Mr. Williams, in which the latter was charged with having many freemen illegally made after the poll had actually been opened, and with other illegal practices. Mr. Williams asserted that the right of election was in the freemen only, whereas in all elections within the memory of man the inhabitants paying scot and lot had voted as well as the freemen.

On the meeting of Parliament in April a paper purporting to be the King's speech was circulated satirising the King, the Lord Treasurer and Lord Lauderdale, and concluding by promising that whatever should be given him should be managed with the same conduct, thriftiness, sincerity and prudence that he had ever practised since his restoration (p. 64).

A printed paper addressed to Parliament while thanking them for their zeal to establish the Protestant religion exhorted them to stop the growing disease of atheism and blasphemy, adding it was impossible this transgression should be healed while the theatres were suffered to be the schools of blasphemy, debauchery and buffoonery. On the back is a letter complaining of the band of pensioners, who were selling God, their souls and their country for private and filthy lucre, and whose names, if manifestly guilty, should be recorded, and also of those who voted that cottagers, who had no voice in elections, should pay 2*s.* yearly for a stone not worth 2*d.* when the chimney villains call it a hearth (p. 88).

A letter (p. 369) contains similar complaints of the inequality of the hearth money, for an estate of 40*s.* *per annum* was charged as much as one of 40*l.* or 100*l.*, and on p. 338 will be found verses satirising the Long or Chimney Parliament.

Two papers were presented to Parliament on behalf of the prisoners for debt, setting forth their grievances from the merciless tyranny of many of their creditors and the barbarous deportment of the gaolers and the great increase in their numbers, and praying for inquiry and that a clause should be added to the Bill before the House for the discharge of such prisoners as would part with their whole estate for the benefit of their creditors (pp. 144, 380).

On pp. 88 and 369-373 are papers presented to Parliament containing arguments for and against allowing the exportation of unmanufactured leather, and on pp. 373-376 for and against allowing the exportation of English and Irish wool. These papers illustrate the notions then prevalent about commerce and also give a good deal of information about the trade in those commodities.

In particular the paper calendared on p. 374 abounds in details and technical terms relating to the woollen manufacture.

Complaints were made to Parliament by drapers, mercers, grocers and other traders of the injury to their trades from pedlars and hawkers (p. 145). The company of glass-sellers

in particular complained of the injury they sustained, as from the nature of their goods they were obliged to keep large houses and pay heavy rents, and asserted that pedlars were sturdy incorrigible persons, who generally cheated people with bad wares, and often corrupted servants to steal their masters' provisions to truck with them (p. 399). On behalf of the pedlars it was answered that, though many of them were of the other nation of Scotland, it ought not to be complained of, they being also the King's subjects, and that statutes against pedlars were meant to apply only to those that misdemeaned themselves by begging, idleness, &c. (p. 145).

Complaints were made of the intolerable taxes laid by the French King on English manufactures (p. 374), and of the adverse balance of trade with France. The silks, linens and stuffs imported from France exceeded the whole of the English exports thither (p. 376). The value of the linen imported yearly amounted to 1,000,000*l*. (p. 574). To remedy these evils it was desired that the King and the Parliament should discountenance wearing foreign manufactures both by their own examples and by either prohibiting them altogether or by laying a heavy duty on them (p. 374).

The King declared in Council that he would not wear any foreign points or laces after he returned to Whitehall from Windsor, and forbade the wearing of such articles, and ordered the Lord Chamberlain not to permit any persons wearing them to appear in his presence (p. 211).

In October the creditors of the Goldsmiths concerned in the Exchequer petitioned the House of Commons for relief, as since the stop they had failed to receive not only their interest, but their principal, and some had been cast into debtors' prisons, while others had become distracted by misery and others had broken their hearts and died (p. 379).

On 19 May a proclamation was issued in consequence of an address of the Parliament commanding the immediate return of all who had gone into the French service since the peace with the States General and forbidding persons from going into that

service (p. 127). Notwithstanding the proclamation, an attempt was made to carry over recruits for the Duke of Monmouth's regiments in France (p. 520).

Don Pedro de Ronquillo, the Spanish Ambassador, and the Dutch Ambassador who visited him wished that the House of Commons would outlaw all who disobeyed the proclamation, and make another address recalling the forces who were in the French service before the peace. This was overheard by one Pardini, who appears to have been one of the ambassador's suite, and acted as a spy for the English Government (p. 292). Pardini alleged that Ronquillo had brought over no money for purposes of corruption and that he had declined offers of introductions to various M.P.'s, alleging that he must look about him first (p. 143). Later, however, it seems that presents were made out of borrowed money, including 100*l.* to a Parliament man (p. 476).

On Saturday, 20 November, in consequence of the quarrel between the two Houses about appeals to the House of Lords, Lord Mohun moved and Lord Shaftesbury seconded an address for a dissolution. The House was equally divided, but the Earl of Ailesbury, coming in late and being ignorant of the debate, voted in the negative for himself and a proxy he had, so the motion was lost by two votes. On Monday the Parliament was prorogued till 15 January, 1676-7 (pp. 413, 414). Among the papers calendared are "Two Seasonable Discourses concerning this present Parliament," one of which gives the arguments in the debate on the address for a dissolution (p. 425). The only public Act passed during this session was one for the rebuilding of Northampton (p. 411).

It was particularly noticed that Lord Lauderdale carried the sword before the King at the prorogation, though the House of Commons had presented an address praying that he might not be so near the King's person (p. 414).

The prorogation was followed by reports of an intended dissolution (pp. 445, 457). In anticipation of it candidates were getting ready in Kent and the Cinque Ports (p. 457),

and the opposition party in Herefordshire held a meeting to select candidates for the county and boroughs (p. 460).

Sir Thomas Overbury issued an address to the corporation of Tewkesbury (p. 498). Coming from a moderate man it shows the general discontent at the state of affairs. It appears from papers calendared in the next volume that this letter was sent up by Col. Sandys to Secretary Williamson.

. The government was vigilant in suppressing writings and conversations against themselves. In November orders were given for seizing all copies of the famous Letter from a Person of Quality (p. 393). On pp. 510, 511 are examinations concerning writers of seditious libels. On 29 December a proclamation was issued for the suppression of all coffee-houses after 10 January. The time was subsequently extended to 24 June, on the keepers entering into recognizances not to allow any scandalous papers, books or libels to be brought into or read in their houses and to prevent persons there from declaring any false and scandalous reports against the government or its ministers (p. 503). Notes of a debate in the Privy Council about licences and the judges' opinions thereon are calendared on pp. 496, 500.

A real or imaginary specimen of a coffee-house conversation relates to the arrival of the Duchess of Mazarin in London "booted and spurred, wearing a great coat and covered with mud." One speaker suggested that the King of France finding Carwel too weak to support the French interest had sent the King over a new mistress who should do it to the purpose. Another thought that Ralph Montagu, who had made a great acquaintance with her at Chambéry, had in concert with Arlington persuaded her to come over, hoping that the King would fall in love with her and that she would be a means of ruining the Lord Treasurer, who was supported by the Duchess of Portsmouth. To this it was answered that a niece and heiress of Cardinal Mazarin, having claims to money at Court; could not be engaged to take part against the Minister who was in favour and held the purse. A third

speaker conjectured that the Duke of York had undertaken to reconcile her to her husband on account of her near relationship to his Duchess, while others thought that he was enamoured of her himself, and, though devotion had given him a new turn, the bowls would still to their bias (p. 473).

In February Secretary Williamson was sent by the King to Lord Shaftesbury to tell him he was informed that he was very busy in town in matters that he ought not and that he thought it were much better he were at home in the country, now that term was over, and that the King knew more than perhaps he thought he did of his Lordship's being up and down in the town and therefore had thought fit to give him this warning. The Earl replied he had nothing to do in town relating to the government, nor had he in any company meddled with anything relating to the King or the public, but he declined to leave on account of his disposing of Exeter House, and his interests in the African Company and Carolina. A full account of the interview is given on pp. 559-561.

Williamson was afterwards told by Lord O'Brien that this message had been expected for some time, but from Coventry, the other secretary. The Earl talked after his usual fashion without any apparent change at all (p. 562).

Williamson was told a few days later by the same lord that John's coffee-house was the one where Lord Shaftesbury vented out all his thoughts and designs, and that there had been a great meeting the night before at the Earl's and that he made merry with the message. Mr. Chiffinch was of opinion it had been better not to have sent the message. The Attorney-General was said to be much mixed up with Sir T. Player, Thompson and others of that party. Player and his friends still sometimes came and drank with the King at Will. Chiffinch's, but lately seemed not so well satisfied with their reception by him (p. 562).

In June the first election for the County of Durham was held under the Act enfranchising the county and city. Col. Tempest headed the poll with 1,034 or 1,046 votes, Thomas

Vane, son of the late Sir Henry, was second with 857 or 854 and Sir James Clavering third with 756, 737 or 735 (pp. 179, 184). Mr. Vane was the candidate supported by the Dissenters. The election was finished on Wednesday, 23 June, and two days afterwards Mr. Vane died of smallpox (pp. 184, 187). It was suggested that under these circumstances Sir James Clavering might be returned as elected (p. 340), but on 25 Oct. Christopher, the brother of the deceased member, who had managed the June election on his behalf, was returned unopposed (p. 362).

The vacancy caused in Dorsetshire by the death of Col. Strangeways was filled by the return of Lord Digby, the Earl of Bristol's eldest son, by upwards of 1,700 votes against 520 for Mr. Moore or More of Haychurch, the candidate supported by Lord Shaftesbury and the Nonconformists (pp. 232, 245, 263, 331, 353, 355).

At Lynn, Mr. Coke of Holkham was elected against Alderman Taylor by 291 votes to 205 (pp. 42, 61, 73).

In the city a party in the Common Council headed by Sir T. Player, Thompson, Nelthorpe and Jeffreys, the Common Serjeant, asserted that a meeting of the Common Council was not dissolved by the Lord Mayor's rising. The said persons on Saturday, 13 March, came to the Lord Keeper and acknowledged their error and admitted that the Lord Mayor had the sole right of calling Common Councils and dissolving them. On Tuesday, however, the Common Serjeant, when summoned before a Court of Aldermen, refused to make such a submission as he had previously made, and justified what he had done. The Court of Aldermen thereupon suspended him from his office. On the following Saturday, however, the Common Council men, and particularly the Common Serjeant, when summoned before the Lord Keeper, the Lord Treasurer and Secretary Williamson, notwithstanding what the Common Serjeant had said before the Court of Aldermen, declared that all that had been done after the sword was taken up was irregular and not to be justified,

and acknowledged their error and the Lord Mayor's right to call and dissolve Common Councils. The three ministers recommended this to the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen present as a great degree of satisfaction, and having obtained from the Common Serjeant a promise that he would make the same acknowledgement to the Court of Aldermen, recommended them to accept it and restore him, which they did not seem unwilling to do, and from the subsequent history of his life it is known that he was restored. Letters and papers relating to this affair are calendared on pp. 21, 25, 26, 31 and 471.

Another question was whether the appointment of the Judge of the Sheriffs' Court was vested in the Lord Mayor and Aldermen or in them jointly with the Common Council (p. 32). It appears that it was finally decided that the choice lay with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, and at an election in January a Mr. Richardson was chosen by a majority of 40 over the Common Serjeant, who had been nominated by the Lord Mayor (p. 537).

On the petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen an arrear of 1,063*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.* on the 18 months' assessment, in addition to 800*l.* *per mensem* already remitted, making together 15,463*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.*, was remitted in regard of the many empty houses and tofts unbuilt in the city (pp. 167, 504, 525).

On 14 May the Commissioners for rebuilding St. Paul's, as the portion of the coal duty set apart for rebuilding amounted to a considerable sum, were ordered to proceed with the work according to a "very artificial, proper and useful" design chosen by the King, and to begin with the East end or choir (p. 118). In December the Commissioners, after stating that in laying the foundations they had hitherto used only old stone, petitioned for liberty to raise stone in the Isle of Portland and to repair the piers, &c. there for bringing it away and to charge a rent for the use of the same (p. 467). A grant as prayed was with the Commissioners' assent made to the Dean and Chapter (p. 534).

In June a petition of several gentlemen and citizens who practised archery about the city and the suburbs, complaining of the enclosure of sundry fields wherein they had had always right to shoot, was referred to the Attorney-General (p. 165).

In accordance with proposals submitted by the governors of Christ's Hospital to the King for rendering the Mathematical School more useful (p. 291) letters were sent to the East India, the Muscovy, the Eastland, the Royal African and the Levant Companies requesting them to use their influence with masters of ships to take each a boy from that school as an apprentice for 7 years, each master to receive for each boy the usual pay of an ordinary seaman in the King's service, viz., 19s. each lunar month (p. 502). In February the governors of Christ's Hospital petitioned that the surplus of Henry Fryer's estate, which was to be given to the poor, should be settled on the poor children trained in the Hospital in mathematics and navigation (p. 581).

Riots, that lasted three days, began on 9 August with an attack on French weavers by weavers who burnt several engine looms called broad looms. The civil authorities and even the militia were so remiss that the riots spread from Westminster to Southwark, the Tower Hamlets and elsewhere. Quiet was restored by the measures taken by the Privy Council (pp 250, 252-256, 265, 476).

In October there was a similar riot of weavers at Colchester, who assembled by the blowing of a horn and marched into St. Mary's Churchyard and thence into St. John's Fields to the number of 400 and came shouting through the streets threatening to plunder one Furley and pull down his house. Six of the ringleaders were convicted at the sessions in January (pp. 352, 513).

The Exeter weavers, understanding that some weavers were transporting themselves to Ireland, broke into the King's warehouse at Topsham and took away or destroyed the instruments they were taking with them to Ireland (p. 329).

In the Church the vacancy at Chichester caused by the translation of Dr. Gunning to Ely was filled by the appointment of Dr. Brideoke, Dean of Salisbury (pp. 16, 24). To Ilandaff Dr. William Lloyd was appointed (p. 60). Secretary Williamson had been too late in his application in favour of Dr. Barlow, Provost of Queen's, his own College, and besides the King was resolved to have a Welshman appointed (p. 472). Dr. Barlow was, however, soon afterwards consoled by obtaining the much more important and valuable bishopric of Lincoln (p. 76). Early in July Dr. Blandford, Bishop of Worcester, died. An account of his death, with particulars of his will, by which he disposed of all his property to pious uses, is given on p. 209. The vacant bishopric was filled by Dr. Fleetwood, Provost of King's (p. 211). Early in December Dr. Compton, Bishop of Oxford, was translated to London (p. 428) and was succeeded by Dr. Fell, Dean of Christ Church, who was allowed to continue to hold the deanery in *commendam* (pp. 501, 514).

The question about the method of appointment to the Deanery of Ripon had been settled in 1674 in the case of Dr. Neile, who died in April, 1675 (p. 71). Dr. Tullie was appointed in his place (p. 71), but died in the following January and was succeeded by Dr. Thomas Cartwright (pp. 511, 518).

The preachers in Lancashire petitioned for payment of a pension of 200*l.* *per annum* and the arrears thereof formerly allowed to preachers appointed by the Bishop of Chester to officiate in an itinerant way in the many chapels otherwise insufficiently provided for (p. 176).

Papers relating to the case of John Tilsley or Tildesley, formerly vicar of Deane, Lancashire, who was prosecuted under the Act restraining Nonconformists from inhabiting corporations, will be found on pp. 201, 209, 518, 519. He alleged that he had conformed in 1670 and received a licence from the late Bishop of Chester and a *nolle prosequi* was entered on the information. Attempts were made to have the

nolle prosequi withdrawn on the grounds that Tilsley had not read the bishop's licence or his certificate of conformity in his church within the period limited by the Act, and also that the licence had been determined by the Bishop's death. It was also alleged that he did not wear the surplice or use the cross in baptism and omitted the rites, ceremonies, forms and orders in the *Book of Common Prayer*, and to avoid performing these things had procured a man of straw to be appointed to the vicarage, who read the prayers, while Tilsley himself preached every Sunday and managed all the concerns of the church and parish.

The Bishop of Bristol was very vigorous in his proceedings against the Nonconformists there, the principals of the Independents, Presbyterians and Anabaptists being convicted and sent to prison. One of them, Mr. Thompson, a very eminent Independent, fell sick of a fever and died in prison on 5 March, which made the Dissenters complain of the severity of the civil and tyranny of the ecclesiastical laws. The day after Thompson's burial a libel was found in the Lord Mayor's house threatening that, if they must be subject to these persecutions, there were many eminent and sufficient men and numbers of apprentices and people of inferior rank that would venture their lives and fortunes for their freedom (pp. 9, 10). In May a narrative by Thomas Hobson, the gaoler, was published to contradict the false reports about Thompson's imprisonment and death, namely, that he and the other persons committed had been thrown into a filthy dungeon and that he had been half poisoned, half starved to death (p. 94).

At Lynn, since the Indulgence had been recalled, there had been no public meetings, but the Nonconformists were said to meet in private, and several in the neighbourhood were being prosecuted (p. 23). On 11 April a private meeting of Presbyterians was discovered by the curate and officers of St. Margaret's. Some escaped, but those identified were to be prosecuted according to law (p. 61).

From Bridlington frequent meetings in large numbers of Nonconformists, among whom the Quakers were particularly mentioned, were reported (pp. 54, 73, 163, 185, 234, 427).

The fullest accounts of the Nonconformists come from Great Yarmouth. The bailiffs on Saturday, 27 Feb., 1675, desired their chief men to forbear meeting at their public place, and they promised not to do so, and, though some hundreds of them who had no notice of this promise came to the meeting place next day, when they saw an informer, who had posted himself at the door, they passed by (p. 1). For some time they kept their promise (pp. 18, 54), but later in the year they resumed their meetings in as great numbers as before (pp. 234, 275, 388, 490), some asserting that the King did not intend his Protestant subjects to be disturbed (p. 234). The constables, who had not executed distress warrants on Nonconformists long ago convicted, pretending they could not get into their houses, on Mr. Bower threatening to prosecute them for neglecting their duty, went to Mr. Sheldrick's, a Nonconformist minister, who had been fined 20*l.*, and, when he denied them entrance, broke in and took a distress, after which he paid the 20*l.* (p. 18). In February the Bishop of Norwich ordered an inquiry of the numbers in the town qualified to receive Holy Communion, of the numbers of resident Popish Recusants and of the numbers of other Dissenters. To the first two the inquirers agreed, but as to the last they feared, if they made the Dissenters as great as they were, they might discourage his Majesty from attempting to reform them. Bower was of opinion that the number of communicants did not exceed 500, and was certain there were not a hundred Dissenters in what they termed church fellowship, so that the grand number were the profane and unstable who were ready to side with anything tending to an unsettlement in Church or State. Those faithful at Yarmouth to Church and King were pleased at the report of the intended removal of Lord Townshend from the Lord Lieutenancy of Norfolk, as they considered he had always discouraged them and encouraged the Nonconformists (pp. 568, 568).

The Quakers petitioned the King and Parliament that no penalty should be inflicted for religion and conscience, showing that the Acts of Allegiance and Supremacy were made against Popish Recusants and others who could swear, which Quakers being unable to do, many of them had been cast into prison and kept there 10 or 12 years, and some had even died there (p. 90).

At Rochester and Deal "the heathen-like Quakers" insisted on opening their shops on 31 Jan., on which the martyrdom of Charles I. was observed, the 30th being a Sunday, but they were closed by the authorities (p. 536).

Six days before the prorogation in November leave was given to the Duke of Buckingham to bring in a bill for the ease of Protestant Dissenters (p. 404).

In January Col. Danvers, who had been preaching about the country (p. 419), was committed to the Tower for treasonable practices (p. 516).

In consequence of the King's recent orders the Judges had not, Lord Aston believed, left one Roman Catholic unindicted in Staffordshire; nay, the grand jury had presented persons who were absent from England as suspected Papists and even Lord Aston himself had been indicted (p. 87). In view of the expected dissolution, efforts were made to persuade the Roman Catholics that it was not the Protestant party but the Episcopal Prelatical party in the House of Commons that was the cause of the rigorous enforcement of the laws against them, and others suggested that they should petition the House of Commons for relief (p. 87). There was an idle report of a plot by the Roman Catholics against the Parliament shortly before their meeting in April (pp. 54, 55, 61).

In November M. de Luzancy, a converted sub-deacon, told a strange story, how St. Germain, a Jesuit, a French priest who was preacher to the Duchess of York, with another man had entered his lodgings and forced him by threats of instant death to promise to leave England. He delayed complaining of this outrage in hopes of recovering a

paper he had copied and signed, and given to St. Germain, as he alleged under compulsion, containing a recantation of all he had said or done, since he came to England and professing his desire to return to the Roman Catholic religion (pp. 389-393). On 5 November a warrant was issued for St. Germain's arrest, and, when he could not be found, circular letters were sent to all outports, ordering search to be made for him among the passengers going abroad and that he should be committed, if found, to safe custody (p. 393), but he appears to have escaped abroad. St. Germain in one of his conversations with de Luzancy declared (truly) that the King was a Roman Catholic at heart, that they were working to re-establish liberty of conscience, and, were that done, England would recognize the Pope in two years. Though Parliament made a noise, it was a wave that must be let go by. He added there were Jesuits in England who did not appear, but carried on important business (p. 391).

Five letters from Dr. Wallis at Oxford (pp. 57, 148, 150, 152, 205) relate to the power of the University to license taverns, which appears to have been contested by the Duke of York's commissioners. A letter from Dr. Fell (p. 149) describes the reception by the University of the Duke of Neuburg's son, on whom the degree of D.C.L. was conferred. Permission to exercise the Royal Oak lottery during the Act was requested and supported by the Chancellor and Sir J. Williamson (p. 194).

Dr. Hyde, the Librarian, mentioned that after nine years' hard labour he had finished and published the catalogue of the printed books in the University Library, and in reply to Williamson's suggestion that he should make a catalogue of the MSS. appealed to him whether he could not spend the time better in doing some things in his Eastern way of learning. His projects were to translate the History of Timur or Tamerlane, to make a more exact Persian grammar and dictionary, to give a good history of the Persian kings out of their own authors, to translate from the Arabic the Geography of Abulpheda and to illustrate certain passages

of Scripture. He enclosed as specimens two pages of an Arabic and of a Persian History of Timour with a Latin translation and of the first ode of Hafiz with a Latin translation (p. 294).

A father wrote that at an election at All Souls' his son had 12 votes, the number of Fellows being 27, and a kinsman of the warden's wife three, which was more than anyone else had. The next day the writer's son had 15, so that the other could have had no more than 12, yet the latter had the Fellowship given him by the Warden (p. 419).

Nothing of interest about the University of Cambridge occurs in this volume, except the election in obedience to a King's letter of Sir Thomas Page to be Provost of King's in place of Dr. Fleetwood (p. 244).

Though England was at peace, the seas swarmed with French and Spanish privateers, who continually plundered English ships and maltreated their crews. Such outrages were too numerous to be noticed in detail, but a few will be mentioned as specimens. A small Ostend man-of-war boarded a vessel of Looe from Morlaix, stripped the crew and passengers stark naked and took from them all their money and articles to the value of 100*l.* in all (p. 4). An Ostend caper off Rye poured a volley of small shot into a fishing boat of the town, and broke the arm of one of the crew so that his recovery was in doubt (p. 77). A Biscay caper tortured the master and men of a Falmouth ship by putting burning matches between their fingers and gave the master several hundred blows to make them confess they belonged to the French and took what small things they had on board and all their clothes and some of their provisions (p. 166).

French men-of-war had the audacity to capture and carry off a Dutch ship moored in Torbay within musket shot of the shore (pp. 45, 50, 117) and she was condemned as prize in France (p. 400).

Later in the year another ship said to be of London, bound from Ostend to Bilbao, was carried out of Torbay by a French

privateer; on board her was the widow of the late Governor of Ostend with all her jewels and wealth (p. 400).

Several passages relate to the English demand that foreign ships should strike their flag. Six French ships refused to strike to the *Cambridge*, and when shot at returned the fire. They outsailed the *Cambridge*, which was no match for them (pp. 133, 134). Ronquillo, the Spanish ambassador, was congratulated by many on this occurrence (p. 143). A Whitby ship was shot at by a Dutch caper for not striking, and in addition the master was compelled to pay for every shot fired, and was beaten and abused for saying he ought not to strike to any but the King's own frigates (p. 135). A French privateer refused to strike to the *Garland* (p. 151), but being forced to run into Dover was stayed there for his contempt (p. 154). The most serious case was that of Capt. Harris, commander of the *Quaker* ketch, who was convicted by a court martial of having lowered his topsail to a Spanish man-of-war in the Bay of Biscay, and was sentenced to be shot for striking to a foreigner in the King's seas (p. 546) but he was reprieved (p. 556) and ultimately pardoned (p. 578).

The Algerines were willing to keep the peace with England but were unable to prevent Saltee men-of-war coming into Algerine ports with their prizes (p. 13). An instance of this is mentioned on p. 407. The only English ships molested by them were either bound for a Dutch port (p. 291) or suspected to have Dutch goods on board (p. 450). A proclamation was issued in December forbidding Englishmen to serve on vessels of foreigners at war with Algiers, and declaring that, if any such were taken, the King would not require their release (p. 458). There was a report that the Dutch were trying to make peace with the Algerines and to induce them to break with England, but to this they were not inclined (p. 463). Sir John Narbrough who had been empowered in October, 1674, to treat with Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli, procured the release of all the English slaves at Algiers, except renegadoes, to the number of 450, 150 of whom returned home in March (p. 12). On p. 424 will be found

a narrative of the adventures of John Hart, a Dorsetshire man, who had been taken and enslaved at Algiers in 1667, who had afterwards been taken to Candia and Smyrna, where he was ransomed, and had visited among other places Constantine, Biskra and Constantinople. From Algiers Narbrough proceeded to Tunis to negotiate (p. 13). As Tripoli resisted (p. 122), reinforcements were sent to Narbrough (p. 216), who early in September burnt seven of their ships in harbour (pp. 319, 439) and the terms of peace then offered by Tripoli were accepted by England (p. 515).

Two patents were granted for raising or pumping water (pp. 16, 408, 412), and the first instrument included also a patent for a new art of tingeing stuffs by way of impression. Patents were granted both in England and Ireland for improvements in beehives which, it was alleged, would free the bees from the inconveniencies of swarming (pp. 57, 60, 322). Patents were granted for watches invented by Christian Huygens (p. 88), for crystalline glasses (p. 139), for an invention for buoying up ships and the easier landing and lading of goods (p. 203), for turning corrupted or salt water into fresh (p. 314) and for diffusing light by foiled glass polished (p. 535).

Patents were requested for a new invention of coaches, with two wheels, which, it was claimed, could not overturn. Some, it was said, could be made with one wheel, which would pass where a horse could (pp. 93, 321).

Amongst miscellaneous notices the following appear of interest.

In March the officers of the Ordnance were ordered to pay a salary of 100*l. per annum* to John Flamsted, the King's Astronomical Observator, who was to apply himself to the rectifying of the tables of the motions of the heavens and the places of the fixed stars so as to find out the so much desired longitude of places for perfecting the art of navigation (p. 7), and in June a warrant was issued to Sir T. Chicheley, Master General of the Ordnance, for building a small observatory on

the highest ground in Greenwich Park near where the Castle stood with lodging rooms for the observator and assistant according to the plan to be given him by Sir Christopher Wren, the expense to be paid out of the moneys received for old and decayed powder ordered to be sold, with a proviso that the whole expense should not exceed 500*l*. (p. 173).

At St. Columb in Cornwall early in March the church was blown up, only the tower being left standing. The pulpit, however, was uninjured and the King's arms fell flat on the church Bible, so both were preserved. The damage was estimated at over 2,000*l*. The cause of the accident was that some children got access to three barrels of powder that were kept in the church for the parish store, while the church was being repaired and the masons were at their dinner, and amused themselves with making poppers with the powder. At last three small boys set the whole on fire and blew up themselves and the church (pp. 12, 13, 19).

In the same neighbourhood at a great meeting of Quakers the floor gave way, but, though many were much bruised, no one was seriously hurt (p. 23).

In March the Exeter carrier on his return from London was robbed of 770*l*. near Milburne between Dorchester and Blandford (p. 20). A coachman, supposed to be one of the robbers, was tried at the summer assizes, but was acquitted (p. 219).

Daniel Elzevir, the printer and publisher, had bought the manuscript of Grotius *De Veritate Religionis Christianæ* and had been publishing the work for 20 years. The book was pirated by one Webb, a bookseller at Oxford, whose widow sold any right she might have to the Curators of the Press for 5*l*. The Curators in contemplation of a new edition caused a bale containing 2,000 copies sent over by Elzevir to a bookseller in London to be stopped at the Custom house, but on Elzevir's application to Dr. Fell and to Williamson they were released (pp. 22, 36, 37).

A letter from Northumberland complained of the distress in that county caused by the action of forestallers and regraters in buying up corn either for exportation or for keeping till there was a scarcity and then retailing it at high prices (p. 25). From parts of the country as far apart as Cornwall and Yorkshire there were complaints that in consequence of the bounty of 5s. a quarter on corn exported great quantities were bought up for exportation and that the price had risen considerably in consequence, which, though good for farmers, was very hard on the townspeople and the poor, besides the cost to the revenue (pp. 377, 379, 403, 433).

At Weymouth a boy of 15, the son of a Nonconformist, was baptized in church, and given the name of Mico, as he was baptized on the day appointed for an annual sermon by Sir Samuel Mico, a benefactor to the town (p. 40).

Dr. Grew was recommended for a professorship at Gresham College, on account of his services to the Royal Society, besides his other qualifications (p. 40). A defence of the Royal Society "against a hectoring writer" is mentioned on p. 21.

Dr. Cudworth, Master of Christ's College, the well-known philosopher, applied to Williamson for his interest in procuring him the rectory of Northchurch in Hertfordshire, stating that he held no church dignity and no living except the vicarage of Ashwell, which was of small value and which he would willingly resign (p. 42).

On Thursday, 25 March, about 2 in the morning the *Mary* yacht, which had left Dublin the day before, struck on a rock near the Skerries, a small island eastward of Holyhead Bay. The rock was so near the shore that the mast touched the land, by means of which those who were saved escaped. The Earl of Meath was drowned and also about 34 more, among them the captain, boatswain and two sailors. The master and 23 seamen and 15 passengers escaped to the isle. Among them were Lord Ardglass and Lord Ardee, the Earl of Meath's heir. Those saved were on the island till Saturday

afternoon, when they were taken off by a Wicklow vessel and brought to Beaumaris. By a flask of gunpowder they struck fire with a steel and roasted some mutton, but they had nothing else to eat and nothing to drink but seawater till a runlet of usquebaugh came ashore (pp. 43, 46).

At Hastings Titus Oates (spelt Otes) made his first appearance, characteristically as an informer (p. 68).

On p. 72 is mentioned a maker of Caudebecs, which were a sort of French hat.

Anthony Wood, the antiquary, was recommended by Dr. Fell for the place of under-keeper of the records, which was expected to become vacant (p. 121), but did not obtain it.

Payne Fisher sent Williamson a copy of a poem from the Fleet, where he had been confined for debt since July, 1673. In consequence of his poverty and frequent sickness he had paid neither his commitment fee nor his chamber rent since his commitment (pp. 142, 143).

Thomas Smith, Fellow of Magdalen, presented a small discourse to Williamson, to whom he intended to dedicate the *Account of the present state of the Greek Church*, on which he was engaged (p. 187).

The foundation of the north pier at Dover being undermined an old vessel filled with beach was to be placed to fill up the breach, but was sunk so unskilfully as to lie athwart the channel, preventing any ship from entering or leaving the harbour (p. 188).

An idiot boy of Falmouth escaped from his mother's house at night, got into a boat and was driven out to sea. He was miraculously picked up five days afterwards off the Ram Head (p. 209).

The loyal and indigent officers claimed the right to the Indian Game and Twirling Board as a lottery granted them by their patents against the Groom Porter and the Master of Revels, who asserted it was a game. The dispute was decided in favour of the officers (pp. 211, 314).

The Trinity House of Deptford and those of Dover, Hull and Newcastle expressed their opinion that the lighthouses proposed by Sir John Clayton on Flamborough Head, Cromer, Foulness, St. Nicholas Gatt and Fern Island would be not only useless but prejudicial to navigation (p. 251).

In August the Bishop of Durham as Lord Lieutenant of the county palatine had a general muster of all the train band forces of the county where there was a very great appearance of all the gentry of the county. He caused all the forces to march orderly into the city, riding himself at the head of them accompanied by his deputy lieutenants (p. 266).

An engine brought down from London to deepen the harbour at Yarmouth was almost finished, but some of the partners refused to stand by their contract with the town, alleging they must be losers by it and insisted on a new contract being made before beginning the work (p. 275). The reception of Lord Yarmouth on Michaelmas Day at Yarmouth, of which he had been chosen High Steward, is described on p. 323.

At Plymouth a father, mother and daughter were poisoned by a servant woman and a girl. The women died and the man was not expected to recover (p. 283). The next volume contains an account of the execution of the two criminals. The woman was hung and the girl was burnt alive.

On pp. 300, 361 are warrants for making various alterations at Windsor Castle. The sum of 20,000*l.* reserved out of the new farm of the Irish revenue was to be employed on the buildings there (p. 515). Stone for the new buildings was to be procured from Frimley (p. 542).

On Monday, 20 September, almost the whole of Northampton, including All Hallows Church, was burnt. Of 840 houses, it was thought not 140 were left standing. The loss was estimated to exceed 200,000*l.* (pp. 302, 305, 310). On Saturday a great meeting of the nobility and gentry of the county was held in the Town Hall, at which subscriptions were

opened for the relief of the poor and for rebuilding the town, and certain proposals were agreed on (p. 318). The quarter sessions petitioned the King for his charity towards the restoration of the town (p. 327) and the one public Act passed in the autumn session was "for the better and more easy rebuilding of the town" (p. 411). The Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants petitioned the King in February for a gift of 2,000 tons of timber from Salcey and Whittlewood Forests towards rebuilding, and for so much of the month's tax in that county as was not yet returned and also for the excise and hearth money arising out of the town for a short term (p. 569). The Lord Treasurer reported that not so much timber as 2,000 tons could be spared out of the forests, but recommended a gift of 300 to begin with, that the Lord Lieutenant and the gentlemen of the county be recommended to dispose of the balance of the militia money towards rebuilding, that as to the hearth money he conceived them to be in the same necessity of his Majesty's grace as the City of London, where it was remitted for 7 years, but that pardoning the excise would be of little advantage to the town, and might create a great inconvenience in respect of the contract with the farmers of the revenue (p. 582).

In September a vessel from Havre to St. Sebastian put into Falmouth laden with 32 couple of dogs, beagles and lurchers, a present for the King of Spain, with 5 men attending on them (pp. 293, 320). In December the *Mary Rose* brought over seven horses, one of which died on the voyage, as a present to the King from the King of Spain. They were disembarked at Deal (pp. 446, 449, 453).

On p. 324 is given an estimate of the annual expense. The total amounted to 1,362,770*l*. The heaviest items were for the Navy 340,000*l*., and for forces and castles 212,000*l*. Ordnance attributable to both these heads was 60,000*l*. The Household, Privy Purse and other expenses of the King and Court came to 242,500*l*.

On 20 September works were begun for making the Avon navigable from Christchurch to Salisbury. The Bishop with

the Mayor and divers persons of quality were present and the first spit was dug by the Bishop. The work had been undertaken by Samuel Fertre, one of the King's servants (p. 331).

It was proposed to make the Derwent navigable from Derby to the Trent. Reasons for and against the design will be found on p. 389.

The murderers of Sir Richard Sandford were to be executed in Fleet Street over against Whitefriars, where the murder was committed, and to be hung up in chains there (p. 352).

In October, in lieu of the pension of 100*l.* a year granted in 1672 to Capt. John Cassells and Rose, his wife, for their lives and the life of the survivor, a pension of 200*l.* a year was granted to Rose Cassells, her husband having been slain at sea. From an entry in the *Calendar of S.P. Dom.*, 1694-5, p. 144, it appears that this Rose Cassells was Nell Gwynn's sister, and that she afterwards married a Mr. Forster.

On 23 October there was a great storm accompanied by a very high tide at Harwich and Deal, streets being flooded in both places (p. 362). The same storm caused most destructive inundations in Holland. Much of North Holland, it was said, was under water, and from the suddenness of the storm many people were drowned (pp. 367, 377, 379). A month later there was a still higher tide at Harwich (p. 423).

Thomas Burnett, a Fellow of Christ's, afterwards author of the *Theory of the Earth*, was granted a dispensation for non-residence for two years, as he was going abroad as governor to the Earl of Wiltshire (p. 368).

Dr. Isaac Vossius requested permission to remove his library furniture to a smaller vessel that it might be conveyed to Windsor (p. 384).

In November three women of Newcastle who had gone to London with their children to be touched for the evil were shipwrecked. They were put into a boat with an old man and a boy and were four days at sea before they got to land near Harlingen in Holland. One of them had a young

child that died when they came in sight of land, and they were forced to leave two children on board, of whom one was alive. The rest of the company got on board a caper. The old man and boy were left in Holland, as they were not in a condition to come away, for the boy's toes were so perished that they had to be cut off (p. 410).

On 17-27 November parhelia and haloes were seen at Bordeaux from 10 to 2. Among the papers are diagrams of this phenomenon (pp. 405, 423, 433).

A warrant was issued probably in November for the incorporation of the Walloon weavers in and about Canterbury with the powers usual in such grants on their petition which stated that there were nearly 2,500 of them, and that they used divers orders and ordinances approved by the justices of Kent and Canterbury, but that of late many refractory persons had refused to conform to the same to the utter ruin of their manufactures (p. 426).

On p. 456 is given an account of the value of all the gold and silver coined at the Mint from 20 December, 1648, to 21 December, 1675.

Warrants were issued for seizing a book which maintained the lawfulness of polygamy (pp. 502, 516).

In January a Court of Loadsmange was held in St. James' Church, Dover, before the Governor of the Castle. The Court was held for choosing pilots and for taking cognizance of offences committed by or against them (p. 523).

A fine was returned to an inhabitant of Canterbury who had been convicted for taking part in "a riding, commonly called Skimmington" there (p. 531).

Copyright was granted for 20 years to Robert Scott, bookseller, in a complete Latin edition of the works of Selden, which he was intending to publish, for which the works written in English were to be translated (p. 542).

A father who had obtained a letter in favour of his son for a scholarship at Westminster School complained it had not

taken the desired effect being "to such a morose person as Dr. Busby was ever known to be" (p. 570).

On account of the scarcity of books in the British (*i.e.* Welsh) language Thomas Dawkes was appointed King's printer for that language (p. 575).

James Percy, claimant of the title and estates of the late Earl of Northumberland, complained to the House of Commons that the proceedings in ejectment he had brought against the trustee of Lady Clifford had been stayed by an order of the House of Lords during the privilege of Parliament (p. 587).

The present volume includes fewer notices of Irish affairs than usual. In April directions were sent to the Lord Lieutenant that on account of the unwillingness of corporations to surrender their charters, if he and the Council found any existing privileges unfit to be continued, he was to oblige such corporations by an instrument to surrender such privileges only, which surrender was to be noticed in the confirmation of their other privileges. It was left to the discretion of himself and the Council whether the benefit of fines, &c., was to be reassumed by the Crown, as by such reassumption Cork and some other towns would lose their whole income, and he and the Council were authorized to grant the corporations whose trade has considerably increased, such as Belfast, such additional privileges as they should judge most advantageous to their trade (p. 50).

On pp. 101-106 will be found papers setting forth at great length the claim of William Eyre to the estate of Shillelagh which formerly belonged to Calcot Chambre. The interest of this case lies in the allegations against the Earl of Strafford, who was charged with getting the estate into the hands of himself and his agents by various acts of chicanery and oppression.

In June a proclamation was issued withdrawing all protections from Tories and ordering proceedings to be taken against all relievers and harbourers of them (p. 160) and

another in July charging all good subjects to assist in taking and killing all notorious thieves found robbing or breaking houses and ordering the sheriffs to levy money for rewards to those who should take or kill such thieves (p. 204).

In October new trustees were appointed for managing the security of the '49 officers (p. 364), who commenced their sittings in February (p. 449). The security in question consisted of all the forfeited lands undisposed of in Wicklow, Longford, Leitrim and Donegal, the forfeited houses in towns and corporations and lands belonging thereto, the benefit from the redemption of mortgages, &c., and one year's rent payable by the officers and soldiers put in the Act. The first two branches consisting of the lands and houses had already been disposed of (p. 182), and only 4s. 1d. in the pound of the officers' arrears had hitherto been received (p. 170).

The Lord Lieutenant came over early in July (p. 207) and remained in England during the rest of the period included in this volume. The object of his visit was to give advice about Irish affairs and especially about holding a parliament, which the King was then intending to do (p. 180). The Archbishop of Dublin and Sir Arthur Forbes were appointed Lords Justices (p. 180). The latter was created Viscount Granard in August (p. 280). Each of the Lords Justices received 100*l.* a month (p. 530).

In July a grant was issued of markets and fairs at New Stapleton *alias* Skibbereen (p. 227). The old name has since completely superseded the new one notwithstanding the provisions of the last clause of the Act of Explanation, which was that "His Majesty taking notice of the barbarous and uncouth names by which most of the towns and places in . . . Ireland are called, which hath occasioned much damage to divers of his good subjects and are very troublesome in the use thereof and much retards the reformation of that kingdom . . . is pleased that it be enacted . . . that the lord lieutenant and council shall and may advise of,

settle and direct in the passing of all letters patent . . . for the future, how new and proper names more suitable to the English tongue may be inserted with an *alias* for all towns, lands and places . . . that shall be granted by letters patents, which new names shall henceforth be the only names to be used."

To remedy the scarcity of coin complained of in previous volumes a proclamation was issued forbidding the exportation of coin or bullion without licence (p. 231).

In September rules and instructions were issued that no grants of lands or money and no abatements of rents or other sums due to the Crown were to be made without the concurrence of the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Treasurer of England, and, if the revenue should be insufficient, no pensions were to be paid till the Civil and Military Lists were paid (p. 307).

A commission was ordered to be issued to determine the claims of all transplanted persons in Connaught and Clare touching the decrees they had or the lands set out to them in lieu of their former estates and to inquire of all lands forfeited to the Crown in the said province and county and to dispose of such forfeited lands as should be in the King's disposal towards the satisfaction and reprizal of such transplanted interests as remained unsatisfied. Provisions were added in favour of transplanted persons, who had been too late in claiming to have their innocence established, whereby they might have been restored to their ancient estates (p. 307).

The case of the 54 persons commonly called Nominees was considered before the Committee for Irish Affairs in July, and there are notes by Williamson of the proceedings there (pp. 228, 241). They complained that though they were by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation to be restored to their ancient estates, they had received no benefit, except that they had been lately preferred to the tenancy of the lands held by *custodium*, the greatest part of which was mountainous and barren, and yet they were charged at so great a rent, that they

would receive but little relief thereby. They petitioned that they might be restored to the 2,000 acres each intended to be restored to them, and now in possession of Adventurers, Soldiers and others, who should be reprized out of the said lands in *custodium* and all other lands in the King's disposal under the said Acts, and that for their present relief the rent of the said *custodium* lands in excess of the yearly quit-rents might be remitted. The committee advised that the rents should be abated as prayed and the *custodium* and other undisposed of lands should be granted to the Nominees towards reprizing the persons in possession of the estates to which they were to be restored, if that could be legally done, and, if it could not, that the said undisposed of lands should be proportionably divided among the Nominees in satisfaction of the lands and principal houses to which they were to have been restored and that inquiry should first be made as to what each Nominee had been actually restored to. The King agreed with the above report and ordered the Lord Lieutenant to execute the same, in such manner as the thing would bear (p. 385).

The obstacle to restoring the Nominees to the lands that formerly belonged to each was that, though the lands were decreed to Adventurers with a reserve of the Nominees' right, yet such right was to be asserted within a certain time, which had now elapsed, whereby in the Lord Keeper's opinion the decrees had become absolute. The Lord Lieutenant recommended that a test case should be tried against an Adventurer possessed of such lands. On the whole there was a deficiency of 42,000 acres due to the Nominees, while some had more than the Act allotted to them, yet might not have the very houses and lands assigned them by the Act (p. 228).

A commission was ordered to be issued to the Lord Lieutenant and four of the Privy Council to examine the values of all lands on which the quit-rents fixed by the rules of the Act of Explanation exceeded or nearly equalled the values thereof and to cause such abatements of the said quit-rents and of the arrears thereof to be made as they should think fit,

provided that their powers should not extend to the abatement of quit-rents due out of lands of the yearly value *per* Irish acres of 12*d.* in Leinster, 9*d.* in Munster, 8*d.* in Ulster or 6*d.* in Connaught, nor to the abatement of more than 4,000*l.* *per annum* on the whole of the quit-rents (p. 429).

Alderman Patience Ward suggested a restraint on the manufacture of wool in Ireland for exportation, as England produced double as much as would supply the whole world they traded with, and the present attempts of Ireland on manufactures belonging by prescription and possession to English counties would ruin the manufactures in both countries and breed animosities between them. As a compensation he recommended that the manufacture of hemp and flax in Ireland should be encouraged and suggested that a considerable duty should be laid on all sorts of manufactures of hemp and flax, capable of being manufactured in Ireland, with an allowance out of it to everyone that sowed hemp or flax or manufactured it in Ireland (p. 276).

A correspondent from Chester mentioned that the prohibition of the exportation of cattle to England was putting people in Ireland on inquiries to supply that defect by commerce with other countries (p. 397).

The contract with Lord Ranelagh and his partners for the management of the Irish finances expired at Christmas, 1675. On 8 December they obtained a warrant allowing them a further 1½ months from 25 December, 1675, for discharging so much of the arrears on the establishment unpaid on 25 December, 1670, which they were to have discharged before Christmas 1675, and which remained unpaid. This was granted them on the ground of the great remittals and abatements out of the funds assigned them by their contract (p. 435).

In January they petitioned alleging that in consequence of the funds assigned to them being lessened, extinguished or diverted by his Majesty's acts, they were entitled to an abatement of over 100,000*l.*, and praying that on their

releasing their demands on that account to the amount of 90,000*l.* they should be released from payment of 80,000*l.* to the King, of 6,000*l.* to Col. Lane's daughters, and of 4,000*l.* for the purchase of the customs of Londonderry, which three sums they were obliged by their contract to pay (p. 501).

A new farm of the revenue was made for seven years from Christmas, 1675, to Sir James Shaen, Sir William Petty and ten others (pp. 442, 454). On p. 480 will be found notes by Williamson on the terms of the contract agreed on with the new farmers and also on the amount of various items of the revenue. The following notes by him are of probably a somewhat later date, as they refer to the Military, Civil and Pension lists to commence from 25 March, 1675-6, which are calendared in the next volume.

The Duke of Monmouth petitioned for a grant of the reversions on certain leases in Ireland which were held from the Crown, and the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Treasurer reported in favour of granting his request (pp. 497, 498).

In Scotland many of the advocates who had been debarred were re-admitted on their submission, and the others were to be re-admitted if they submitted before 10 Jan., 1676. Letters referring to this business will be found on pp. 45, 49, 85, 188, 443.

The Acts against conventicles which had been passed in 1670 for three years, and had been continued in 1673 for three years more, were continued for a further period of three years (p. 233).

In July instructions were sent to the Archbishop of St. Andrews to be communicated to the Archbishop of Glasgow and the other bishops, who were commanded to use their utmost endeavours for suppressing Popery and Separation, and to take care that none be permitted to teach or to be chaplains in families but such as they shall find cause to be licentiate according to the Acts of Parliament and the Council. The bishops were to reside in their dioceses and those presbyters, who at the late Synod of Edinburgh dissented from the

Bishop's censuring some factious ministers, were to be suspended and, if necessary, deposed from the ministry (pp. 236-238).

The case of the Bishop of Dunblane was referred to the Archbishops and certain of the Bishops (p. 239) and on their reporting his declarations about his former behaviour and his engagement that his future deportment should be with all becoming duty and faithfulness to the King, the orders given in 1674 for his translation to the Bishopric of the Isles were recalled and he was restored to his former see (p. 488). At the same time the restraints put on the ministers Turner, Robertson, Cant and Hamilton were removed on their dutiful and submissive address for their restoration (p. 488).

In June the King wrote to the Privy Council that he was informed that more effects of the seditious spirit in Scotland were breaking out afresh, that particularly a party of the forces had been deforced by a riotous assembly near the house of Cardross and a servant of Lord Cardross had been rescued, and that in other places, especially in Teviotdale and East Lothian, many numerous and disorderly communions had been kept by indulged ministers, and that in Ayr there had lately been a meeting of indulged and outed ministers, who had issued orders for keeping fasts and other illegal injunctions. He exhorted the Council to examine thoroughly those and all similar disorders and to apply fitting remedies. They were also to enquire after the spreaders of false news (p. 161).

Lord Cardross was set at liberty in February on condition of giving security for his good behaviour and paying the fine of 1,000*l.* imposed on him by the Privy Council (p. 576), which had been granted to the Earls of Moray and Kinghorn (p. 265). At the same time Sir Patrick Home of Polwarth, who had been committed in September to Stirling Castle for his insolent carriage in affronting the Privy Council (p. 327), was released, but was declared incapable of all public trust, and Lieutenant-General William Drummond was also released.

The King's satisfaction was expressed at the disclaimer by St. Andrews of the concurrence of their Commissioner to the Convention of Burrowes at Edinburgh in the insolent letter to his Majesty (p. 59).

In August the stop on the election of magistrates at Edinburgh was removed and an election was ordered to be held immediately, the persons elected to hold office till the next election at the ordinary time, viz., the Tuesday after Michaelmas (p. 247). As, however, this concession failed to appease a party in the town Council, a drastic purge was ordered by the removal of the Dean of Guild, the Treasurer and eight other members, and the remaining thirteen were to co-opt members in their place (p. 272).

The Michaelmas elections were held according to the rules, at which the King expressed his satisfaction (p. 364).

A defalcation of 7,000*l.* sterling was allowed to the tacks-men of the customs for the first two years of their tack and they were allowed to surrender the remaining three years of it (p. 224).

In December on account of the state of the revenue it was found necessary to disband the three troops of horse and Major-General Monro's regiment, which had been added to the establishment in September, 1674 (p. 459).

In May permission was given to the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh and Monmouth on account of the destruction of their tenants' cattle in the extraordinary storm of the previous year to import from Ireland not exceeding 200 horses and 4,800 cattle to restock the lands (p. 115).

In the same month a tack was granted at the rent of 36,000 *marks per annum* to Capt. Andrew Dick of the rents of Orkney and Zetland, which were mostly paid in kind, consisting of victual, butter and oil, and he was appointed steward and justiciar, while he should be tacksman (pp. 130, 131).

Several orders were issued for carrying on the repairs of Holyrood House (pp. 224, 297, 459). In February the

Treasury Commissioners were authorized to advance 4,374*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* sterling, the sum estimated by them as required for finishing the works, levelling the gardens, gravel and grass works, and bringing in water. They were to cause the part of the west quarter built by the usurpers to be taken down in order that the inside of that quarter might be finished in pillar work agreeable with the other three quarters, and were to consider if it was not fit that the gate be passable for a coach, and that the great iron windows in the front be taken away and made handsome (p. 569).

In September a commission was issued to 49 Scots and 54 English lords and gentlemen to pursue and arrest all murderers, robbers, &c., in the Border Counties, as the offenders privately conveyed themselves from one kingdom to another, and none was appointed to follow and arrest them (p. 325).

Of the King's gift of 100*l.* *per annum* for churches and schools in the Isle of Man 18*l.* was allotted to six schools, giving 3*l.* to each and the balance was applied to raise the stipends of eleven parishes to 17*l.* each, the stipend enjoyed by three of the other seventeen parishes of the island, only three, namely the archdeaconry and two parishes, having a competence (pp. 233, 558).

The islands of Guernsey and Jersey were in a good condition (pp. 94, 170, 232, 432). At the latter island incredible progress was made with the pier being erected by Sir Thomas Morgan at St. Aubin's fort (p. 431).

Early in March came news of an Indian rising about the head of the Potomac (p. 5) and nine months afterwards there was another rising (p. 490). In the autumn a much more formidable Indian war, headed by King Philip, broke out in New England. Many of the chiefs who had formerly been at war among themselves united against the English. It was said they were assisted by the French with powder and other supplies. They burnt many villages and towns and killed many of the settlers. In particular almost the entire

company of Capt. Lathrop was destroyed in an ambuscade (pp. 388, 405, 435, 438, 490). Such Indians as were taken were sold as slaves in the West Indies and New Spain (p. 405). There was also a great scarcity of provisions in Virginia, the crops being destroyed by drought and by squirrels that came down from the woods, and most of their cattle having died from the severity of the last winter (pp. 81, 85, 98, 134, 154, 342, 360, 490). The New Englanders took advantage of the scarcity to raise the prices of the provisions they sent thither (p. 342).

Jamaica and Barbados were reported to be in a good condition (pp. 67, 74, 256, 274), but later in the year a hurricane in the latter island destroyed many ships, killed many people, and blew down many houses, so that all sorts of provisions became very dear there (pp. 440, 493, 527).

A plot for a rising of the slaves in Barbados was discovered by a negro woman, who was fond of her master and mistress. All the ringleaders were hanged, burnt or beheaded, and the people there were very vigilant in finding out the negroes concerned and securing themselves for the future (pp. 254, 266, 285, 305, 381). Early in July in the same island a passenger and two seamen were hung for the murder of Capt. Swanley of the *Advice*. He was a cruel commander, much given to drink and in the habit of starving his men, who mutinied in consequence (pp. 256, 266, 274).

In May a commission was issued for the trial of Col. Philip Warner, accused of the murder of Thomas Warner, deputy governor of Dominica (p. 111), and in September a warrant for his arrest (p. 300). Full particulars of this affair will be found in the preface to *S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1675-6.

Vessels from Surinam reported that the place was in a very peaceable and thriving condition, that the English and Dutch there agreed very well and that there was a very large sugar crop (p. 186).

In November a proclamation was issued prohibiting the importation into any of the plantations of any European commodities not shipped from England or Wales, as notwithstanding the Act for the Encouragement of Trade great quantities thereof were imported though not shipped as aforesaid, and also putting in execution the Navigation Act, the Act for regulating the Plantation Trade and all other laws relating to the trade of the plantations (p. 416).

The Committee for Foreign Plantations in January ordered that inquiry should be made at the offices of the two Secretaries for any acts transmitted from the plantations and there awaiting his Majesty's pleasure and whether the governors had taken the oaths they should have done, viz., the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, an oath for the execution of their office, and the oath for executing the Navigation Act by which they were to return twice a year copies of the bonds taken by them, some having sent only a few copies of these bonds and many none at all (p. 505).

In September two vessels from Hudson's Bay arrived at Deal. They had been forced to winter there and use up the provisions that should have been left there with the new governor and the men that were to stay with him, so they were obliged to bring them home and leave only four men there to keep possession. They found there a French Jesuit, a little old man, that endeavoured to convert the Indians and to persuade them not to trade with the English, for which reason they brought him away to England. They also brought two Indians, one of whom died on the passage. The other, a very lusty man, was to be presented to Prince Rupert (pp. 313, 316, 319).

A letter from a Robert Wescomb describes the islands of Chiloe on the west coast of South America (p. 348).

In October a proclamation was issued setting a price on the head of Don Philip Hellen *alias* Fitzgerald. He had taken a English ship, the *Humility*, within musket shot of the Castle of Havana, and had tortured and murdered Timothy

Stampe, the master, and most of his men, and he and his company had afterwards shared the ship and goods between them. He had since practised the like barbarous cruelty on others of the King's subjects (p. 329).

It remains to notice briefly the most important pieces of foreign news in this volume.

In March the Prince of Orange fell ill of the smallpox (pp. 44, 46, 47). It was said that he was attended only by Sir W. Temple and his wife and sister and by the Duchess of Simmern (p. 50). The illness was at first attributed to poison (pp. 40, 68) and some persons were said to have been executed on suspicion of plotting against him. The Duke of York sent over a special messenger with a letter of sympathy (p. 47). He was well enough to set out for the Dutch army early in May (p. 115). Having joined the Lünenburg forces and the Duke of Lorraine he offered battle to the French, which was declined (pp. 172, 202). In July the Lord Treasurer wrote to the Prince assuring him that he should esteem it his greatest happiness if he could do anything worthy of his consideration and also not only how earnestly but how affectionately the King desired a perfect kindness and confidence between his Highness and himself (p. 217).

Intelligence of the death of Turenne reached England before the end of July (pp. 229, 243, 244, 272). It was reported that this event had made the French King almost out of his wits, that he had thrown himself on his bed and was in great astonishment (p. 253).

Early in August Maréchal de Créquy in endeavouring to raise the siege of Treves was defeated with great loss (p. 252) and the city itself was taken soon afterwards (pp. 282, 287).

In March the Elector of Brandenburg declared war against Sweden (p. 42), which had now been acknowledged by the French King as his open and formal ally in the war (p. 29). Brandenburg commissions were immediately issued to Zealand privateers which preyed on Swedish commerce (pp. 30, 33, 42, 59, 69, 81). The Elector himself was at the Hague in

April with a small retinue (p. 85), but left early in May (p. 115). Early in July a confused account reached London of the defeat of the Swedes at Fehrbellin by the Elector (p. 196), which the Swedish Resident tried to minimize (p. 208). War was declared also by Holland (pp. 158, 159) and Denmark (p. 163) against Sweden.

Early in March Nimeguen had been accepted by France as the place of treaty (p. 29), but it was not till December that Sir Leoline Jenkins, one of the plenipotentiaries of England as the mediating power, set out from England. Interminable delays ensued about passports, the titles to be given to the Duke of Lorraine, &c., and the sittings of the plenipotentiaries did not begin till much later than the end of the period included in this volume. Most of the information on this subject is contained in Williamson's notes, which are written in a hand even more illegible than ordinary. After this volume had gone to press, fair copies of these notes were discovered in Foreign Entry Book, No. 179, from which numerous corrections have been made in the Errata.

In the summer risings took place on an extensive scale in Brittany, occasioned by the increase of taxes on tobacco and other articles (pp. 94, 107, 170, 185). The Duc de Chaulnes, the Governor of the province, endeavouring to appease the malcontents was wounded slightly and his Lieut.-Governor mortally (pp. 170, 199) and was obliged to take refuge in Port Louis (pp. 226, 232, 252, 253, 270). At Morlaix one of the *maltotiers* or tax gatherers was demanded if he would be of the people's side. On his answering No, one knocked out his brains with the butt end of a musket, saying Then thou shalt be of no side (p. 191). All over the province the tax gatherers were killed and many of the gentry (p. 206).

The numbers of rebels were variously reported to be 10,000 (pp. 216, 220), 20,000 (p. 191), 30,000 (p. 252), and 40,000 (pp. 226, 232). Their leaders were masked (pp. 220, 226). A reinforcement of 6,000 men was sent to the assistance of the Duc de Chaulnes (p. 256) on which the mutineers began

to disperse (pp. 278, 320), and several of their leaders were executed by him at Morlaix (p. 320). The Parliament of Brittany voted new taxes on tobacco and tin (p. 432), and 13,000 troops were quartered for the winter in the province, which suffered much in consequence, no places being exempted but St. Malo and Morlaix, which feared their exemption would not continue (pp. 432, 486).

Similar resistance was offered at Bordeaux to the new and heavy taxes imposed on them in violation of their privileges (pp. 80, 122). In November the town was occupied by troops that entered by surprise and suffered great hardships from the quartering of the soldiers (pp. 411, 418, 420, 422, 423, 433, 438, 447, 462, 466). The walls were demolished and the inhabitants fined 3,000,000 *livres* (p. 431) and the Parliament was removed from the town (p. 423).

English trade with Russia had greatly decayed because the Czar had taken away the English privileges and banished the English from Moscow, confining them to the non-habitable port of Archangel. Two London merchants petitioned, as a means of reviving English trade there, that the King should write to the Czar requesting they might have the refusal of the new farm of caviare, the old one being about to expire (p. 241).

The following peculiar words occur in this volume:—*Loonedrogers* or *lorendrogers* (the word is spelt in both ways) are defined (p. 135) to be Dutch ships consigned to Dutch merchants and Dutchmen part of the crew, the master and two or three more only English (the word is derived from the Dutch *lorrendraier*, a smuggler). *Cheanes* (chains) or warps is what is wound about the beams of the looms, which goes through the *slea* and the *obbs* (webbs) is what is wound about the *quill* and put into the shuttle and shut through the cheane and so beaten up in it (p. 375). The Lord Mayor complained that he was forbidden to grant passes for ships, though every little mayor in every *cagmag* port might (p. 313). *Gispin* has already been noticed.

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ERRATA AND CORRIGENDA.

- Page 4, line 14, *for* "Middleburg" *read* "Middelburg."
- „ 9, 2 lines from bottom, *for* "Cole" *read* "Cale."
- „ 22, 20 lines from bottom, *for* "Marshall" *read* "Maskall."
- „ 28, 10 lines from bottom, *for* "J. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 30, 10 lines from bottom, *for* "Middleburg" *read* "Middelburg."
- „ 34, 23 lines from bottom, *for* "T. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 71, line 9, *for* "p." *read* "f."
- „ 78, line 9, *for* "T. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 96, line 22, *for* "T. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 110, 15 lines from bottom, *for* "p." *read* "f."
- „ 113, line 5, *for* "T. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 121, line 6, *for* "J. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 140, line 1, *for* "T. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 143, 26 lines from bottom, *for* "D. P." *read* "D. P[ardini]."
- „ 172, line 20, *for* "Maskll" *read* "Maskall."
- „ 195, 5 lines from bottom, *for* "T. B." *read* "T. B[arnes]."
- „ 198, margin, *for* "July 3" *read* "July 5."
- „ 211, line 11, *for* "eliré" *read* "élire."
- „ 218, line 4, *for* "A. Goodyear" *read* "Philip Lanyon."
- „ 239, line 25, *add* "and Glasgow" *after* "St. Andrews."
- „ 244, 18 lines from bottom, *for* "196" *read* "146."
- „ 245, margin, *for the second* "Deal" *read* "Dover."
- „ 247, 4 lines from bottom, *for* "Archbishop" *read* "Archbishops."
- „ 249, line 11, *before* "Francis" *insert* "Sir."
- „ 253, line 28, *for* "bridegoom" *read* "bridegroom."
- „ 268, line 1, *for* "D. P." *read* "D. P[ardini]."
- „ 274, 15 lines from bottom, *for* "———" *read* "[? Baron de Vic]."
- „ 278, 6 lines from bottom, *dele* "Sir."
- „ 291, 4 lines from bottom, *for* "Burnesse" *read* "Burneffe (Bourgneuf)."
- „ 292, line 6, *for* "Pardens (?)" *read* "Pardini."
- „ 304, line 23, *for* "300" *read* "302."
- „ 307, line 6, *for* "relasing" *read* "releasing."
- „ 326, line 4, *for* "John" *read* "Sir John."

- page 330, 11 lines from bottom, for "John" read "Sir John."
- „ 333, line 14, for "259" read "269."
- „ 337, 12 lines from bottom, for "(? Pornic)" read "(Binic)."
- „ 350, 7 lines from bottom, for "petition" read "petition."
- „ 360, line 29, for "Queen's" read "Queens'."
- „ 370, line 28, for "Queen's" read "Queens'."
- „ 399, 24 lines from bottom, for "Pedlers" read "Pedlars."
- „ 451, margin, for first "Whitehall" read "Plymouth."
- „ 459, line 9, for "last, calendared ante, p. 272" read "1674, calendared in the last volume, p. 341."
- „ 466, *dele* lines 19-21.
- „ „ line 32, for "85" read "84."
- „ „ line 39, for "86" read "85."
- „ 467, line 7, for "87" read "86."
- „ 468, line 22, for "87_A" read "87."
- „ 476, 11 lines from bottom, for "149" read "143."
- „ 478, 20 lines from bottom, after "daughters" insert "to the King."
- „ 479, line 27, for "14" read "19."
- „ 494, line 12, *dele* "(?)."
- „ „ line 24, for "mode" read "model."
- „ „ line 33, for "Dares" read "Does."
- „ „ line 44, for "packets and" read "merchants'."
- „ „ line 48, for "Pomeland" read "Pomerland."
- „ „ line 49, after "letters" insert "are" and *dele* "(?)."
- „ „ line 50, for "Schwerins" read "Schwerin."
- „ 498, 4 lines from bottom, for "Thomas Overbury to —" read "Sir Thomas Overbury to [the Corporation of Tewkesbury]."
- „ 503, 7 lines from bottom, for "received even then" read "visited even them."
- „ „ 3 lines from bottom, for "granting" read "practise."
- „ „ last line, *dele* "all."
- „ 504, line 14, for "their's" read "theirs."
- „ „ line 17, for "Examine (?)" read "Apprehend."
- „ 522, line 4, for "d' Ruvigny" read "de Ruvigny."
- „ „ line 21, for "Campricht's" read "Crampricht's."
- „ „ line 22, for "from" read "for."
- „ „ line 23, for "see" read "send."
- „ „ line 25, for "serve (?) Mons. de Deshout (?)" read "sortir hors de districte, &c."
- „ „ line 28, for "others" read "ours."
- „ „ line 31, for "proceeded (?)" and "where" read "provided" and "in case."

- page 522, line 36, *for "the" read "their."*
 „ 526, line 22, *for "titles" read "styles."*
 „ „ line 24, *for "orders" read "order."*
 „ „ line 36, *for "such answer" read "further order" and*
 for "have" read "know."
 „ 527, line 15, *for "Middleburg" read "Middelburg."*
 „ 530, line 11, *for "Dean" read "Duke."*
 „ 535, last line, *dele "(?)."*
 „ 536, line 5, *for "furnishing" read "furthering."*
 „ „ line 16, *for "answer" read "succours."*
 „ „ line 21, *dele "(?)."*
 „ 544, line 9, *for "horses" read "houses."*
 „ „ line 11, *for "effect" read "affront."*
 „ „ line 15, *for "and couriers" read "&c. Couriers."*
 „ „ line 28, *before "it" insert "and countenance."*
 „ 553, margin, *against line 1 put date "Feb. 12."*
 „ 555, line 16, *for "Till then" read "With them."*
 „ 557, 5 lines from bottom, *for "Juy" read "Ivy."*
 „ 566, 15 lines from bottom, *for "disputed points" read*
 "point of Lorraine."
 „ „ 6 lines from bottom, *after "is" insert "fit."*
 „ 567, line 6, *for "Skelton's" read "Shafto's."*
 „ „ line 10, *add "All one."*
 „ „ *for line 14 read "posts.—It was to be in favour of all*
 those parts as well.—Our."
 „ „ line 18, *for "revising" read "revisions."*
 „ „ line 20, *for "letter" read "letters."*
 „ „ line 21, *for "311" read "111."*

CALENDAR

OF

DOMESTIC STATE PAPERS.

CHARLES II.

1675.

March 1. Lord Robartes to Williamson. Requesting him to present the enclosed letter to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 183.]

March 1. Richard Bower to Williamson. Our bailiffs last Saturday afternoon, as I had desired, sent for the chief members of our great conventicle and desired them to forbear meeting at their public place, using my name as a bugbear. They then promised they would not meet, but, lest they should not be so good as their words, I went yesterday morning to their meeting-place and stood in a porch against their door. Some hundreds of them, having no notice of what their leaders had promised, came there, and, as they saw me, passed by. This work may with ease be done in the country, where the gentry live and the people have a dependence on them, and not they upon the people, but in corporations it will never be carried through by the magistrates or inhabitants, their livelihood consisting altogether in trade, and this depending one upon another, so that, when any of these shall appear to act in the least measure, their trade shall decline, and not this alone, but their credit with it, by representing them low in estate and deeply engaged to others, and, if they are indebted as few men in trade but are, they are industrious to learn to whom, and, if it be possible, to bring their creditors upon them. This has been their practice in these parts, and doubtless the like is done elsewhere, but I never was engaged to any of them, but have suited myself according to my cloth, and have made shift by that little employ I have had in public affairs to stand upon my own legs and to help them, which I have several times done without respect to their principles. I have lived about 20 years here, and there is not a man that ever I had a controversy with but on the store of the public, and I challenge all the fanatics to lay a just accusation upon me. [*Ibid.* No. 184.]

March 1. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. To-day was in sight of this harbour Sir John Narbrough with the Straits fleet homeward bound. The wind being bare for them, the *Bristol*, which had many redeemed captives on board, anchored, but the wind proving presently more favourable set sail. *Postscript.*—The fleet seen off this are merchantmen and not Sir John Narbrough. [*Ibid.* No. 185.] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 185 i.]

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Francis Bellott to Williamson. Since my last about 60 sail have entered here, many from several parts of France with salt, wine, fruit and brandy, most bound for London. The Dutch frigates and merchantmen are still here. Thursday came in a man-of-war of Ostend of 36 guns, with two other vessels, as they pretend, of London, laden with Count Monterey's servants, goods, horses, dogs, &c., bound for Santander. Last Friday came in an Ostend privateer of 4 guns, and went out to-day. There is a report that three French men-of-war have taken four Ostenders, one of 24 guns, one of 20, one of 16, and one of 10, and carried them into Brest. Last Thursday went out, the wind being N. and N.W., several sail from here for London and France. The wind next morning being E. brought in several vessels. Just now the Ostend man-of-war is going out. Wind at present N.W. Other shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 186.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The wind coming about at N.W. the 25th, the ships bound homeward and for France put to sea, but the next day, the wind coming about to S.E., as many as could fetch the harbour put in again. The 26th came in the *Trial* of London from Barbados with sugars for London. She came alone from thence eight weeks since. She has many passengers on board, some that came from Guinea and were landed there. They report there is great like of good crops of all sorts there next season. The *Peter* of Dieppe came in, bound for the Bank. She came out with 17 more, but lost them in foul weather. They had no convoy, but were ships of good force from 20 guns and under. Having lost her company she will not proceed on her voyage. I am advised from the west that the 20th a French vessel of 100 tons laden with wines and brandy was taken by a Dutch caper of 12 guns off the Land's End. The wind is now N.W., so, if it holds, most of these ships will put to sea. Other shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 187.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid.* No. 188.]

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Swansea.

John Man to Williamson. By a passenger arriving here I am informed, that about 10 Feb. the *Johanah* and *Sarah* of Boston in New England of about 120 tons and 4 guns laden with tobacco for London was cast away on the Deadman near Foy, but all the men, being eleven, were saved, he being one of them. Last Saturday arrived in this road the *Mary* of North Yarmouth laden with wines and brandy from Bordeaux bound for London, being put out of her course. She had certainly perished on the Welsh shore, if a small vessel of this town laden with salt from Croisic had not providentially sailed near her, and perceiving them to be strangers by their putting out a whiff made towards them and brought them safe into this road, where she only waits for a fair wind to proceed on her voyage. [*Ibid.* No. 189.]

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Whitehall.

Commission to John Baron to be ensign to Sir Francis Leeke's company in garrison at the forts near Gravesend. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 10.*]

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- March 1. Proclamation by the Lord Lieutenant and Council, publishing
The Council the King's letter of 10 Feb., calendared in the last volume, p. 579,
Chamber, concerning the abolition of the sheriffs entertaining the judges, &c.
Dublin. [4 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 309, p. 407.]
- March 2. Request by the Earl of Suffolk for a *caveat* that no grant pass
concerning the reversion of the place of Underhousekeeper of
Audley End, without his being acquainted with it, it being in his
right to dispose of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 190.]
- March 2. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid.*
Stockton. No. 191.]
- March 2. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Here are 20 light colliers at anchor
Bridlington. expecting a fair wind to the North. The wind is now N. With
postscript to Mr. Ball, inquiring how he should direct a letter to
Capt. Thomas Thornton. [*Ibid.* No. 192.]
- March 2. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Mine of Sunday last did not, as I
Harwich. intended, go by the Holland mail, because that was too quick for
me, but yesterday by the every day's post settled at Colchester. In
the last packet-boat came over but two soldiers and several seamen,
to whom I had little to say, observing the letter of your orders. By
it came no news that I could hear of. A friend in Holland writes to
me thus "'Tis with us as if no war. No preparations by sea or
land appear, it's as tho' a sudden peace or cessation of arms were at
hand." All Sunday the wind was southerly and continued so till
noon yesterday, but at present it is westerly. [*Ibid.* No. 193.]
- March 2. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. Yesterday morn-
Portsmouth. ing sailed hence the *Merlin* yacht and *Weveno* (*Wivenhoe*) to
Southampton River to convoy some horses for Cherbourg. [*Ibid.*
No. 194.]
- March 2. Warrant to William Ramsden, Lord Mayor, and the Justices of
York, to forbear the prosecution of William Maskall, of York,
goldsmith, till the Midsummer Assizes, and to take no advantage
of the security whereby he is bound to answer at the next assizes
the charge against him of clipping, he being able and willing to
make considerable discoveries against other clippers and coiners.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 125.*]
- March 2. The King to Lord Robartes. A petition has been lately presented
Whitehall. to me by one Cressett, setting forth that your son and his wife
take sanctuary in the Court, to secure them from executing a decree
and sealing a conveyance appointed by it, with an argument that
they ought to do so, because you and their other trustees had
already done it. However, I have given them till the end of
Easter Term to accommodate the matter with Cressett, expecting
to hear from you in the meantime, if there is any reason for their
refusing to follow your example. I have heard nothing of the
merits of the cause, the complaint being only as to the law not
having its course against them, by reason of their residence in
Whitehall. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 12.*]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 195.]

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March 2. Pass for Richard Bulkeley, son of Robert, Lord Bulkeley, with
Whitehall. two servants, 20*l.* in money and their apparel and other necessaries, to travel beyond the seas, provided that he do not reside in any Popish college or seminary or use the company of any Jesuit, Romish priest, or other evil affected person, and that he return immediately if recalled. [*Precedents* 1, f. 54.]
- March 2. Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain for swearing Sir John Pettus
Whitehall. of Rackheath, Norfolk, as one of the cupbearers in ordinary in place of Sir C. Lyttleton. [*Ibid.* f. 56.]
- March 3. Order in Council on the petition of Abraham Stock of Dover,
Whitehall. merchant, and others concerned in the *Elizabeth and Mary* of Bright-hemstead, showing that she was about August last taken by Zealand privateers on her voyage from Bordeaux to Newhaven (Havre) in France, and carried into Middleburg, where last January by a sentence of that Admiralty all her lading, which all belonged to his Majesty's subjects, was condemned for prize, and accordingly disposed of, but the ship was released and the freight due to the master paid, which proceedings being contrary to the Treaty Marine between his Majesty and the States General and the articles giving leave to his Majesty's subjects to trade from one of the enemy's ports to another in the same enemy's country, the petitioners prayed for relief:—that Secretary Williamson prepare a letter for the King's signature representing the petitioners' case to Sir W. Temple, Ambassador at the Hague, and requiring him effectually to interpose with the States General that the goods taken as aforesaid be restored forthwith to the petitioners, or satisfaction given them for the same, and further that Secretary Williamson effectually recommend this case to the Ambassador Extraordinary of the States General, that he may transmit it to them as a matter in which his Majesty particularly desires the petitioners may be righted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 196.]
- March 3. Daniel Fleming to Williamson. Thanking him for his last and
Rydal. for his continuing daily his great kindness to him, and sending a char tin pie. [*Ibid.* No. 197.]
- March 3. Thomas Woollhouse to Williamson. As it is your favour to
London. receive my son into your service we are ready to receive your commands for his coming to give himself wholly to your pleasure. Though he has not that complaisant humour the City brings forth, being always bred near Colchester till these two years, I hope you will find more genius in him to receive your commands than it is expedient to express, he being my son. He has had the experience of the want of learning. How unhappy I have been for want of it. My father, being the first minister in Essex that was sequestered and the first that was plundered of any person whatsoever in Essex for his loyalty, was made incapable of giving me any other learning than reading the Bible for this little writing obtained from many boys the experiences of misfortunes I have endeavoured to make him sensible thereby to quicken up his genius not to lose any opportunity. [*Ibid.* No. 198.]
- March 3. John Reading to Williamson. Giving an account of the arrivals
Dover and departures of the packet-boats. About 11 last night the

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Cleveland yacht went to Dieppe with Lord Hamilton, Count Gramon[t] and others with them, the wind being then W.N.W. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 199.]

- March 3. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Last Monday night arrived the
Weymouth. *Dolphin* of this port, which came from Patopon river in Maryland five weeks ago last Sunday. She brings news of the scarcity of tobacco there, worth 3*d.* a pound in the country by reason of the great drought last year there. They also bring news that the Patopon Indians, having plundered several hogs and other things from the planters in the head of Patopon and destroyed four or five families of them, though they would make the English there believe it was done by the Senecas, their enemies, yet the English by the Governor's order were raising a company to go against them, and intended to go against a town of theirs, but what was the name of it I cannot learn, so that there is a war beginning between the English in Maryland and the Patopon Indians. [*Ibid.* No. 200.]
- March 3. *Caveat* that nothing pass concerning the reversion of the place of Underhousekeeper of Audley End till notice first given to the Earl of Suffolk. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 7.]
- March 3. *Caveat* on behalf on Lord Newport, that no patent pass concerning the Knight Harbinger's place till notice given to the Greencloth. [*Ibid.*]
- March 3. Grant of the office of Master of the Buckhounds to John Nevill, in reversion after John Cary and Thomas Eliott. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 49.*]
- March 3. Warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland for
Whitehall. payment to James Mowbray of 100*l.* sterling, the arrears of his pension for Whitsunday and Martinmas, 1678. [S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 217.]
- March 3. After reciting that Sir John Home of Rentown, late Justice Clerk,
Whitehall. set a tack of his estate to his second son, Patrick Home, for payment of his debts, and that, though his eldest son, Sir Alexander Home of Rentown, is endeavouring to bring the said Patrick to an account for the satisfaction of his father's creditors, yet the said Sir Alexander is being rigorously prosecuted by some of them for several sums that ought to have been paid by the said Patrick, and that the freedom of the said Sir Alexander for some time will tend to the greater benefit of such creditors than his imprisonment can produce; grant to the said Sir Alexander of protection for — years from the date thereof. [*Ibid.*]
- March 4. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Several passengers went for
Harwich. Holland last night in one of our packet-boats. Wind N.W., very fresh. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 201.]
- March 4. A[nthony] T[horold] to Williamson. Mr. Throwgood, a mer-
Lyme. chant of London, came here yesterday from Morlaix, who says that, coming thence in a vessel of Looe, he met a small Ostend man-of-war of three guns, who boarding them stripped them stark naked

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and took 40*l.* in money from them and all their linen and woollen to the value of 100*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 202.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The two Dutch men-of-war that lay 6 or 7 days here to convoy the two St. Tubus men here have received orders overland to go for the Straits, and yesterday they put to sea, the wind N., so that these two ships may lie here a long time for want of convoy, one being not able to go without, having spent all her masts and not able to fit herself here. The 3rd came in here the *Success* of Falmouth, from Swansea, which reports that six weeks ago a great vessel of Stockholm of 16 guns and 40 men laden with salt and sugar from Lisbon was in foul weather driven up the North Channel and there struck upon a rock at sea. All the men, ship, and goods were lost except one man that saved himself on part of the forecastle, and was a day and night upon it, and was cast on the Welsh shore and so preserved. The man is now in this vessel looking for a passage home. Last Friday, coming to the pier of Penzance was cast away an Irish vessel of about 60 tons laden with tallow, beef and hides for Ostend. All the men were saved and most of the ship and goods but much damnified. The Mayor of this town has received your letter concerning Newfoundland, and will give you an account by the next. [*Ibid.* No. 203.]

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Whitehall.

Restitution of temporalities to the Bishop of Ely. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f.* 64.]

March 4.
Whitehall.

The Duke of Monmouth to M. de Louvois. I have received your letter of the 4th. I will not fail to obey his Majesty's orders concerning M. Staniers, and will send you as soon as I can the names of those I should like to be at the head of the regiment. M. de Ruvigny has spoken to me about the half pay, and told me you would have it placed in the hands of M. Lockhart to be disposed of by my order. I thank you for having given this satisfaction to our officers, and I have written to M. Lockhart to receive that money, and to forbid those who are in Paris for that purpose to trouble you further on this subject. [*French. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p.* 24.]

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The Duke of Monmouth to Sir W. Lockhart. I am very sensible of your care and success in soliciting the business of the half pay. I am now informed it is resolved that the total sum shall be put into your hands to be issued to the regiment by my directions, they being desirous to avoid the importunities of the officers. I desire you therefore to give yourself the trouble of the receipt of it, and to keep it till I have seen the accounts of the regiment, which I write to the Major to make up forthwith and send me a copy, if he be not coming over himself. In the meantime you will order the officers that may be at Paris on this account to forbear troubling M. de Louvois any longer, but to expect their satisfaction from me, for that I understand to be the King's pleasure.

If M. de Louvois mentions anything to you concerning the recruits, you will take the occasion to let him know I have taken the best order I could, by appointing every officer to make his own recruits, which is the only way left me in the nicety of these times. [*Ibid.* p. 25.]

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 March 4. Warrant to Sir T. Chicheley and the Lieut.-General and other
 Whitehall. Officers of the Ordnance to pay a salary of 100*l. per annum*, to be charged on the quarter-books of the Ordnance Office, and to be paid quarterly, the first quarter to begin from Michaelmas last, to John Flamsted, M.A., who has been appointed the King's Astronomical Observator forthwith to apply himself with the most exact care and diligence to the rectifying the tables of the motions of the heavens and the places of the fixed stars, so as to find out the so much desired longitude of places, for the perfecting the art of navigation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 10.*]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 204.*]
- March 4. Memorandum that the Duke of Monmouth signified the King's
 pleasure to Mr. Rosse, that George Rawleigh, now capt.-lieutenant of the Governor's company in Jersey, should be captain of the first company that shall be void in the island, or shall be raised for the service of that island. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 7.*]
- March 4. On the petition of Richard Yates, whose father having conducted
 Whitehall. the King from Worcester to Whiteladies was afterwards hanged because he would not discover where he last saw him, praying a sum of money, recommendation thereof to the Lord Treasurer, to provide in some measure for the petitioner in such manner as has been done for other persons that were instrumental in his Majesty's happy escape. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 17.*]
- March 4. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of John Hall,
 Whitehall. praying a lease for 99 years from Lady Day, 1675, of certain acres of common in the Hundred of High Peak, Derbyshire, answering to her Majesty during her interest the present rent, and afterwards 5*s. per annum*. [*Ibid. p. 18.*]
- March 4. Pass for transporting 14 horses and geldings into France for Sir
 W. Lockhart's use. [*Precedents 1, f. 56.*]
- March 4. The King to Henry Wilkie, Conservator of the Scots privileges
 Whitehall. in the Netherlands. After reciting that on occasion of the unsettled condition of the Scots staple in the United Provinces (partly occasioned by the removal thereof from Campveer to Dort, and partly by the late wars between the King and the States General) the merchants of Scotland have suffered great prejudice in their trading to the Netherlands, empowering him to treat with the magistrates of any town in Holland or Zealand, where he shall find it most convenient and advantageous for the merchants and trade of that kingdom to have the staple settled, and desiring him to report the best terms and conditions that can be expected for that effect, before he concludes or signs the articles of agreement. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 219.*]
- March 4. Memorials of protection in the ordinary form to John Morison,
 Whitehall. younger, of Dairsie, for three years, and ——— Lindsey, younger, of Paystowne, for six months. [*Ibid. p. 220.*]
- March 5. Anthony Isaacson to Williamson. I have so little at any time
 Newcastle. worth your notice that I forbear giving you needless advices. We

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have about 60 loaden colliers for the coast, but the wind is N.E., which makes our bar up, and keeps them from sailing. The 3rd we had a high spring tide, and the wind being then northerly brought in the sea with such violence that it has much damnified the stone work of Clifford's Fort. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 205.*]

March 5. Thomas Farr, Mayor, to Williamson. Requesting him to
Southampton. acquaint his Majesty and the Privy Council that not long since have been exported from that port several stone-horses and mares of considerable value contrary to the laws, and that now about 32 more are there ready for exportation, some being stone-horses and mares valued at 70*l.* or 80*l.* apiece, and that he is informed more are providing for the same purpose. [*Ibid. No. 206.*]

March 5. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 207.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 207 i.*]

March 5. The King to the Principal Commissioners of Prizes. Captain
Whitehall. George Canning of the *Portland* seized in the West Indies a Dutch privateer, the *Vrede*, of Amsterdam, laden only with the plunder of nine English ships taken by her. She was adjudged prize in the Jamaica Admiralty Court, sold, and the proceeds given as the King's bounty to Canning and his crew as her captors. Since his return the vessel, by a new process in the English Court of Admiralty, has been condemned to the King's use; but on the petition of the said captain, they are to remit to him and his company the proceeds of the said prize and goods, as the King's free gift. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 191.*]

March 5. Commission to William, Earl of Inchiquin, captain-general and
Whitehall. commander-in-chief of Tangier, to be colonel of the foot regiment raised or to be raised in Tangier and captain of a company in the said regiment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 126.*]

March 5. Commission to Basil Fielding to be lieutenant to Major Walters in
the King's regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 11.*]

March 5. *Caveat* that no grant of the estate or pardon pass to — Aston, linen draper in Covent garden (brother to John Aston apprehended for clipping), who is supposed to be confederate with his brother, till notice given to Mr. Wyndham or Mr. Howard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 7.*]

March 5. Memorandum that Alexander Frazer signified to Mr. Secretary that the King had promised to Mr. William Naylor, chaplain to the Countess of Devonshire, a prebend of Worcester or some other which might fall vacant. [*Ibid. p. 8.*]

March 5. Recommendation to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of
Whitehall. Rowland Laugharne, praying payment of arrears on two letters patent, one for 3,000*l.* to be paid him, and another for 500*l.* *per annum* to him, amounting to about 4,000*l.*, that he may find out some way for the effectual putting in execution of the within mentioned order in Council in the petitioner's behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 18.*]

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March 5. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a bill to pass the Great Seal requiring the Chapter and Prebendaries of Salisbury to institute and invest Thomas Pierce, D.D., who has been appointed to the Deanery, in the same dignity with all the rights and privileges belonging thereto, and to admit him to his voice in Chapter and to assign him his seat and stall. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 4.*]
- March 5.** Warrant for a grant to George Gosselin of all the King's title to the real and personal estate of his brother James in Jamaica which might accrue to the King by reason of the said James being an alien. [*Precedents 1, f. 57.*]
- March 5.** The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting that Alexander Cosby has by his petition stated a grant by King James to Richard Cosby, his ancestor, in tail male of the lands of Tymachoe (Timahoe) and other lands in the barony of Cullenagh, Queen's County, with a restriction not to alien or let the same for life or for any term exceeding three years, and that, the said lands having descended to the petitioner, he is thereby disabled from making such an estate to a tenant as might encourage him to improve, they having been wholly laid waste during the troubles in Ireland and all buildings thereon having been ruined and burnt, and praying a licence to let them for a greater term, and a reference thereof to the Solicitor-General with his report thereon, requiring him to cause letters patent to be passed granting licence to the said Alexander Cosby and his heirs male to make leases of any of the said lands for three lives or 21 years, in such manner as a tenant in tail may grant. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 295.*]
- March 6.** Sir R. Carr to Williamson. Though I did not meet you before I left town, that shall not excuse your sending me your commands whilst the King is here, where I resolve to attend constantly. Lord Arlington is your servant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 208.*]
- March 6.** Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats came out of the Brill yesterday morning and arrived here about 9 that evening. The master was ready ever since Wednesday, but the weather was too hard for him. He brought over one that is reported to be an envoy, and he believes he is a Swede. He says Vice-Admiral Tromp arrived in Holland last week. He assures me there was no work of any sort doing about their ships at Helvoetsluys, and he heard not of any yet intended. The *Kitchen* yacht came into the Rolling Grounds last Thursday afternoon, not liking the weather, which growing worse yesterday caused him to weigh and come into the port. It is reported he has a prisoner on board with whom he is bound for Leith. The wind is easterly, but subject to many gusts. It is foul weather. I have had some frivolous accounts of Prince Taffaletta's deportment since he went hence, being, as we are informed, entertained by the Jews, but they are not worth your knowledge. I humbly request your commands concerning these letters that with so much earnestness Mr. Hutchinson of Rotterdam presses in covers on me, and writes that it is your pleasure and order they should be thus sent. [*Ibid. No. 209.*]
- March 6.** Thomas Cole to Williamson. Our Bishop has been very vigorous in his proceedings against the conventiclers and with a probable
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good success, the principals of the Independent, Presbyterian and Anabaptist factions being legally convicted and committed to custody, but not without some riotous and insolent carriages even in the Council House and at the Tolzey. But within these two days Thompson, a very eminent Independent, fell sick of a fever and died in prison, which has opened the mouths of all the dissenting party so wide, that they complain of the severity of the civil and tyranny of the ecclesiastical laws in so much that yesterday night, shortly after Thompson's burial, a libel was found in the Mayor's house with these threatening expressions or to this purpose, that, if they must be subject to these persecutions, as they term it, there were many eminent and sufficient men, and numbers of apprentices and inferior rank would venture their lives and fortunes for their freedom, and 'tis probable that of this city two parts of three may be that way inclined. Such is the constitution of this place, and now, what the consequences of this may be I leave to your wisdom to judge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 210.*]

March 6. Commission to Palmes Fairborne to be major in a regiment of foot raised or to be raised in the garrison of Tangier, and captain of a company of foot in the same regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 125.*]

March 6. Commissions for Timothy Mahan to be quarter-master and provost marshal to Lord Inchiquin's regiment at Tangier. Minute, with note that the Major's commission was of the same date. [*Ibid. p. 127.*]

March 6. Sir J. Williamson to the Mayor of Southampton. Having Whitehall. communicated his letter to his Majesty, he is graciously pleased to commend his care in not suffering any stone-horses or mares to be transported beyond the seas without his pass. As to those now passing, his Majesty supposes he will find they are of those for which his Majesty gave his pass of 31 January, being most of them for the immediate use of the King of France, and the rest for Marshal de Bellefonds. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 18.*]

March 6. The King to the Warden and other electors of New College, Oxford, and of Winchester College. After reciting that at the last election he had recommended Samuel Palmer, a scholar of Winchester College, on account of the loyalty and good services of his father, John Palmer, to be preferred to New College, and that by reason of former letters in favour of some other person he was not so preferred, renewing the former recommendation in Palmer's favour, and requiring them to choose him at the next election to New College. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 4.*]

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March 7. J. A. to ———. As to what occurs in these parts 'tis little but what I suppose you may hear of by one friend or other. I suppose you have heard the whole story of Mr. Jaques and the Bishop of Bristol about persecution and other things. This is much discoursed at present in these parts and how notably the young conforming priest preached and discoursed the old angry hb (? the Bishop of Bristol) as also the young man's father. There is much ont which, if you desire it, by the next I may let you know more, but in short I hear 'tis all, and the sermon also, very like to be

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printed. There are many fears, jealousies and complaints amongst friends about persecution and some of a strange high nature, if true, of which more if I see you. Many officers that went with soldiers into Holland are returned, as 'tis like you know, but some of them complain much of their usage there and of Od[yke] that sent them. Many are indifferently pleased to hear the P[arliament] are like to sit. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 211.]

March 7.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. The *Adventure* is to be fitted to go to sea out of hand, and she's accordingly preparing for it. [*Ibid.* No. 212.]

March 7.
Dartmouth.

William Hurt to Williamson. Repeating the request in his letter of 12 Feb. calendared in the last volume, p. 582, that the *John* may be made a free ship. [*Ibid.* No. 213.]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. I have no list of ships and no news. [*Ibid.* No. 214.]

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Copy of the preamble of the patent to Cornelis Martinus Tromp calendared in the last volume, p. 619. [*Latin.* *Ibid.* No. 215.]

March 7.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Lord Culpeper. His Majesty having considered the enclosed draft of an article for the amicable decision of all controversies and disputes which may hereafter arise between the two East India Companies of England and Holland, as it stands amended by the Dutch Ambassador and the Bewihthebbers (Bewindhebbers, i.e. Directors), allows of it, and directs you and the rest of the Commissioners (his Majesty having had the liking of the English East India Company to it) forthwith to conclude and sign it with the Dutch. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 18.]

March 7.

Commissions to Piercy Kirke to be captain-lieutenant to the Earl of Oxford's troop in the King's regiment commanded by the said Earl and to Harry Bridges to be lieutenant to Capt. Edwin Sandys in the same regiment. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 44, pp. 11, 12.]

Duplicate of the commission to Bridges, but dated 13 Sept., 1675. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 16.]

March 7.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting letters patent of 1661, which directed the Lords Justices to grant to Capt. Charles Twigge the command of the first foot company that should be vacant, from which he hitherto received no benefit, directing that he should be preferred to the first foot company that shall be void in the Irish army immediately after such persons as have any preceding grant. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 9, p. 285.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Authorizing him, if on a writ of *ad quod damnum* such a grant should not appear to be to the prejudice of the Crown or of any others or of the neighbouring fairs or markets, to cause letters patent to be passed containing a grant of a weekly market and two yearly fairs on 25 July and 6 Dec. at Freshford, co. Kilkenny, to Robert Maude, who has purchased that town, and several lands and tenements in and near the same, and has since procured many English families to inhabit that part of the country, which before, ever since the troubles, was almost destitute of inhabitants. [*Ibid.* p. 292.]

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March 8. Lord Arlington to Williamson. I give you many thanks for
Euston Hall. yours of the 6th with the enclosed news. I am glad the affair of the East Indies is now near an end. Nobody must flatter himself with a belief that Mr. Van Beuning will oversee the making it final by the declaratory act of his Majesty, or suffer any ambiguous terms in the preamble that may give a construction of its being otherwise. A rumour goes about that his Majesty has put off his journey to Newmarket for some days, but, your letter giving no countenance to it, I will not fail to render myself there on Wednesday to do my duty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 216.*]

March 8. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. From Newmarket I gave you assurance
Euston. of my resolutions to attend diligently and so I will, and that I may perform the better I have taken your lodgings, but I doubt the woman of the house has no such hopes, for she told me she hoped the Secretary would come, and then I promised to resign. By 10 on Wednesday I resolve to be at Newmarket, where your commands shall be exactly observed. [*Ibid. No. 217.*]

March 8. T. Aslaby to Williamson. To-day 50 light colliers loosed out of
Bridlington. this Bay and are plying northwards, the wind being much easterly. [*Ibid. No. 218.*]

March 8. Richard Watts to Williamson. In the *Bristol* and other vessels
Deal. were brought home 150 men, late slaves in Algiers, who were landed here Saturday and yesterday. They say they were in all 450 redeemed, and that no English slaves are now left there but runagadoes. They make haste to London and altogether intend to pay their obedience to his Majesty. They give Sir John Narbrough great commendations for his care, and are stout and lusty. Our people well received them, and everybody gave them money. Last week I told you of a French sloop of about 8 tons which pretended a commission from that King, whose master was an Englishman and all the rest except one Frenchman, which ran aground, and our Deputy with the Lieutenant of Deal Castle seized her and put the master and one man in Deal Castle under suspicion of piracy, having no commission, and brought the ship upon Deal Beach. Last night his Majesty sent order to clear the vessel and Frenchman, and to let him go on board and dispose of her. The English are also clear but not admitted to go in the Frenchman. It blows fresh at N.E. These four days past there have been great gusts and storms. [*Ibid. No. 219.*]

March 8. John Reading to Williamson. Giving an account of the arrivals
Dover. and departures of the packet-boats. This morning at 2 was transported to Calais Mr. Alexander Burnett. [*Ibid. No. 220.*]

March 8. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Last Thursday there happened
Truro. a very sad accident at St. Colomb, about 10 miles from here, where some masons were mending the church, in which they had three barrels of powder for their parish store, of which one of the heads being loose and the doors open, several of the children got in and were making poppers with some of the powder. At length three lesser ones, observing the actions of the bigger boys, got fire and set the whole on fire, which blew up themselves and a great part of the

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church, but did little other hurt, the masons being at dinner and just on their return to their work. Wind N.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 221.]

March 8. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Giving the same news as the last.
Truro. [*Ibid.* No. 222.]

March 8. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last Monday, the wind being E.,
Pendennis. came in several small vessels, mostly outward bound. That day the two Dutch men-of-war by order went a cruising about the Bay of Biscay, and left three Dutch merchant-men here till their return, who are to convoy them to Holland. Tuesday and Wednesday the wind being N. and N.W. made a clean harbour, only those three Dutchmen. Thursday the wind blew all E. and so continues, which has brought in at least 50 small vessels, many from Milford laden with culm for Dartmouth and other ports, and several for France, and several from and to Ireland. Other shipping news and news of the explosion as in Acland's letter. [*Ibid.* No. 223.]

March 8. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Giving an account of the explosion
Falmouth. as in Acland's letter, saying all the church was blown up, the tower only standing. The 6th came in the *Thomas and John* of London, with rice from St. Remo, and the *Dispatch* of Dover from Genoa with oils, and the *Morning Star* from Leghorn with oils. They report there came out with them from the Straits about 14 sail, four being merchant ships richly laden from Turkey, and that there are in the Straits three or four Saltee men-of-war and that they had taken an Englishman lately. Sir John Narbrough has been at Argier, where they tell him the Saltee men-of-war shall not victual in their harbours, but that they cannot hinder their coming in and their prizes, but say they will do all they can to keep peace with England. He is gone to Tunis to negotiate with them also. [*Ibid.* No. 224.]

March 8. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as
Falmouth. the last. [*Ibid.* No. 225.]

March 8. Certificate by John Bromstone, deputy searcher, that John Wick-
ham, messenger, that day shipped Alexander Burnett on the *Postilion* of Dover, bound for Calais. [*Ibid.* No. 226.]

March 8. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master General of the
Whitehall. Ordnance, to dispose of the moneys arising from the sale of gun-powder by virtue of the warrant of 1 Feb. last towards payment to the many great and pressing debts owing to the creditors of the Ordnance Office which cannot be satisfied out of the moneys hitherto assigned to the office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, p. 138.]

March 8. Reference and recommendation to the Lord Treasurer of the
Whitehall. petition of Mary Ray, praying a grant of his Majesty's title to her father's forfeited estate, that he may give order for a grant to her of his Majesty's right and title to the within mentioned inn and closes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 19.]

March 8. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Being informed that the King
Whitehall. has a legal title to the lands of Killien and other lands in the barony of Eglisli, King's County, and to other lands in the same county,

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which have been hitherto unjustly detained by Nicholas Herbert, late of Killien, who forfeited the same for being active in the late rebellion, and never claimed the same or came on any trial of innocency before the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, requiring him to issue commissions of inquiry into the King's title to the said lands, and, on the return thereof, to cause letters patents to be passed of all or such part thereof as he shall appear to be so entitled to unto Viscount Grandison and Edward Villiers in fee-simple, they placing such deficiencies thereon, as by the rules of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation the said lands are sufficient to satisfy, and paying such quit-rents as by the said Acts would have been payable had they been set out to adventurers or soldiers. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 286.*]

- March 8. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting letters of 19 Jan.,
Whitehall. 1663[-4] for a grant to Sir John Temple, Solicitor-General of Ireland, of lands amounting to the clear value of 300*l. per annum*, and that he had not yet received any benefit thereby, and that the present Lord Lieutenant is not empowered to pass any lands to him in pursuance thereof as they were not directed to the Lord Lieutenant for the time being, authorizing and requiring him to cause letters patent to be passed to the said Sir John or to such persons as he shall appoint in fee-simple of lands amounting to the clear value of 500*l. per annum* above all rents and other charges payable thereout, under such yearly rents as are payable by adventurers or soldiers by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation in the provinces wherein the said lands shall lie, and further authorizing him to admit the said Sir John and his heirs, if they shall desire it, to place deficiencies of any interests satisfiable by the said Acts on any lands or hereditaments forfeited to or vested in the Crown by the said Acts that shall be presented to him to be passed, pursuant to these letters. [2 pages. *Ibid. p. 298.*]
- March 9. Charles Bertie to William Bridgeman. Informing him that the Lord Treasurer desires that Mr. Deerham's bill be amended by inserting Essex, and the towns of Colchester, Maldon, Harwich and the liberty of Havering, the city and county of Gloucester and the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 227.*]
- March 9. Richard Potts to Williamson. The continuance of northerly
Stockton. winds keeps here several vessels fitted for the East to load with rye and flax. [*Ibid. No. 228.*]
- March 9. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The easterly wind which still
Harwich. continues hindered one of our packet-boats from sailing on Saturday night, but they sailed about 8 Sunday afternoon with several passengers, though they left some that would not venture. We have no news by the last packet-boat, which arrived Sunday morning. Several of the English Company of Dort came over in it. 'Tis generally received in Holland that a peace will ensue this very agreement of the place of treaty, which is there also said to be Nimwegen. [*Ibid. No. 229.*]
- March 9. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N. The *Guernsey* is come
Portsmouth. in here to be new fitted to go with the *Adventure*, which is likewise

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fitting here, to Tangier, with Lord Inchiquin, the new Governor.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 230.]

March 9. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 231.] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 231 r.]

March 9. Commission to Capt. Whaley for Cole's company. Minute.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 41, p. 20.]

March 9. The King to the Lieutenantcy of London. As he understands
Whitehall. that the militia of the City is become indebted and less able to serve
in the necessary duties to which they are obliged for the safety of
the King's person and the preserving the peace and quiet of the
government, authorizing and requiring them in pursuance of 14
Car. II. c. 3 to levy for one whole year from Christmas last so
much money as they shall find needful for defraying the necessary
charges of such extraordinary duties of those forces, according to
the authority and rule prescribed by the said Act, not exceeding the
proportion of one month's tax which the City paid towards the tax
of 70,000*l.* *per mensem.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 42, p. 12.]

March 9. Sir J. Williamson to the Mayor of Southampton. With reference
Whitehall. to his former letter of the 6th, calendared *ante*, p. 10, about the
horses, enclosing the original pass from M. de Ruvigny, the French
Minister in England, to be delivered to the person who has charge
of them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 19.]

March 9. Commission to Col. John Russell to command in chief during the
Whitehall. King's absence at Newmarket all the forces left behind for the
safety and peace of the government, as are or shall be quartered in
and about the cities of London and Westminster. [*S.P. Dom.,*
Entry Book 44, p. 11.]

March 9. Commission to Major John White to be captain of the company
Whitehall. whereof Major Palmes Fairborne was captain in the Governor's
regiment in garrison at Tangier. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 12.]

March 9. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Folliott, Viscount
Whitehall. Powerscourt, praying further letters patent to be passed of the
lands in Ireland enjoyed by his ancestors before the late rebellion.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 19.]

March 9. Dispensation to Ralph, Bishop of Chichester, to hold in *com-*
Whitehall. *mendam* a prebend and canonry of Windsor, and the rectory of
Standish, Lancashire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 47, p. 5.]

March 9. Warrant to the Commissioners appointed to treat with the Com-
Whitehall. missioners from the States General about the settlement of trade
and navigation, directing them, since that negotiation has been put
an end to, to give order for the payment of the expenses of the
said commission, including the remuneration of the secretary,
clerks, and messenger, out of the 2,000*l.* ordered 30 Sept. last, to be
paid to Thomas Bedford, their secretary, for that purpose, and to
divide equally among themselves any balance remaining, to be
bestowed by each of them in a piece of plate for their own use, as
a mark of the King's gracious acceptance of their service. [*Home*
Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 49.]

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Patent for 14 years to Thomas Togood of an engine with pipes and bags for raising water, all friction taken away, and also of a new art for tingeing silks and other stuffs by way of impression and otherwise to the liveliness of painting in all kinds of figures and landscape for the use of hangings and other furniture of the like nature. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 50.*]

March 9.
Whitehall.

Pass to Ignatius White, Baron de Vique, to transport himself to any part beyond the seas. [*Ibid. p. 51.*]

March 9.
The Chapter-
house.
Chichester.

Certificate by the Dean and Chapter of Chichester of the election by them of Dr. Ralph Brideoke to be bishop of that see, void by the translation of Dr. Peter Gunning to Ely. [*Latin. On Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F. No. 66.*]

March 9.
Whitehall.

Warrant for letters patent creating Lord George Douglas, colonel of the Scots regiment in the French service, Earl of Dunbarton and Lord Douglas of Etrick in Scotland, with remainder to the heirs male of his body. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 220.*]

March 9.
Whitehall.

The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland. Warrant, after reciting that he had thought fit that Lord Halton, Treasurer Depute, be lodged in Holyrood House for his better accommodation in his constant attendance on the King's service, and the warrant next calendared to the Duke of Hamilton, requiring them to give orders forthwith that these lodgings be put in sufficient repair as to all things necessary for his convenient accommodation. [*Ibid. p. 223.*]

March 9.
Whitehall.

The King to the Duke of Hamilton, Keeper of Holyrood House. Warrant to take care forthwith that the said Lord Halton be settled in the lodgings appointed him there, viz., the north quarter in all the stories thereof, which has been lately built and repaired from the ground, with two bedchambers and two closets in the ground story of the east quarter adjacent thereto, and two little rooms beneath the back staircase of that east quarter, and also that he be provided in stables and coach house of those that were last built and repaired. [*Ibid. p. 224.*]

March 9.
Whitehall.

Memorial of protection in the ordinary form to George Dickson of Hedderwick for two years. [*Ibid. p. 225.*]

March 9.
Dublin.

Sir G. Talbot to Williamson. I never thought my business in any safety, till I understood from Mr. Grenville that his Majesty had referred it to your determination, for, since you have already condemned the illegality of Col. Dillon's grant, I cannot doubt of your justice to relieve us against him and the undertakers with him. This Lord Chancellor has quitted the partnership, and Lord Conway being made acquainted by what steps Col. Dillon obtained his grant has persuaded the rest of the partners here to let me quietly go on upon money and mortgages, lest, by their pretension to all, they lose all, and I am told he has written the same advice to Lord Ranelagh. If so, we shall meet with no further opposition to have our letter signed in the same form I sent it penned by advice from hence. But, whereas Mr. Dillon's grant entitles him to mortgages (which are money security), I must beg that in the

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instructions to the Lord Lieutenant, Mr. Dillon may be particularly debarred from proceeding on mortgages, otherwise those, who have brought discoveries to me, will carry them to the partners who will give more for them out of their unlimited grant than the Exchequer will permit me to allow them. When our letter shall be thus obtained, I beseech you send it away with the first under your cover that I may have time to pass a new patent before the term.

I hope you will have the same kindness and procure a *non obstante* for Sir E. Sutton. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 149.*]

March 9.
Longford.

Lord Aungier to Williamson. Expressing his gratitude for his great goodness and generosity in thinking of so inconsiderable a person, out of all business, and almost out of the world. [*Ibid. No. 150.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting the petition of Mary, relict of Edward Adderly, in behalf of her son, Thomas, a minor, which stated that Thomas Adderly of Downderow, the said minor's great grandfather, many years before the late rebellion paid to Florence McCarty More and Charles, his son, (neither of whom or their heirs have been declared innocent) 900*l.* sterling by way of mortgage for the three plowlands and a half of Dromkeene, Currine (Curraheen), Classifre (Clashafree) and Ballylangle in the cantride of Kilbrittain, co. Cork, and also 50*l.* by way of mortgage for the half plowland of Lasterinfreenen (? Laherfineen) in the barony of Kinalea, co. Cork, which was before incumbered, so that 6*l.* *per annum* has ever since been paid by the mortgagees for the same, but the said lands amounting to near 2,000 English acres have ever since been in the mortgagees' possession and so continue, only during the late rebellion they yielded them little or no profit, that the said Mary does not certainly know whether the said mortgagors ever released their equity of redemption therein, but such a release was so far believed in that on the distribution of the '49 interest no notice was taken of these lands, it being supposed they were held in fee, though the benefit of redeeming such mortgages as on 23 Oct., 1641, belonged to Papists is by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation vested in the Crown towards the satisfaction of the arrears of the '49 officers, that Capt. Thomas Adderly, the minor's grandfather, served with great fidelity in Ireland before 5 June, 1649, and that his arrears have been stated at 1,000*l.* whereof only 150*l.* have been received, and the petitioner therefore prayed that the King, towards the satisfaction of the remainder of the said arrears, would release to the said minor the right and benefit of redeeming the said lands and pass to him the estate and inheritance thereof, authorizing and requiring him, in case he finds the said allegations to be true, to cause letters patent to be passed containing a grant of the absolute estate and inheritance of the lands above mentioned, and a release of the right of redemption to the said minor in fee simple in full satisfaction of the '49 arrears yet unsatisfied of the said Capt. Adderly, at the rent of 5*l.* *per annum* in addition to all the old Crown rents payable thereout, with a proviso that all estates made or granted by the father, grandfather, or great grandfather

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of the said minor relating to any of these lands shall continue in full force. [*Nearly 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 288.*]

March 9. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Recommending Capt. Whitehall. Gustavus Hamilton to be captain of the first foot company that shall fall void in the Irish army, with regard to former letters of recommendation. [*Ibid. p. 291, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 21, p. 169.*]

March 9. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for swearing Sir Whitehall. Richard Gethin of Ballyfimiter (Ballyviniter), co. Cork, of the Irish Privy Council. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 291.*]

March 10. Richard Bower to Williamson. Our Nonconformists as yet keep Yarmouth. their promise to our bailiffs, having foreborne meeting hitherto. Our constables having had warrants to take distresses on some that were long since convicted would not do their office, pretending they could not get into their houses. Our sessions being at hand I threatened to prosecute them for the neglect of their duty, on which they met yesterday at my house and went to Mr. Sheldrick's, one of their teachers, who was convicted for 20*l.*, and on his denying them entrance broke open his hatch, and took a distress, on which he paid them the 20*l.* There are different opinions about it, some alleging that they have done more than they can answer, others justify the act, so that there is like to arise some trouble about it. The house I live in is already bought over my head, my dwelling being, as they judge, too near their meeting-house, where they cannot preach but I must hear them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 232.*]

March 10. Commissions to Capt. Clifford for Sandys' company and to Lieut. Edmond Burke for Aid Major. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 20.*]

March 11. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. Just as the King was sitting down 1 o'clock. to dinner I received yours, and gave him the news, which he told me he would read as soon as he had dined. The post being now going, I asked if he had any commands for you? He said, none at present. If he gives me any, I will send them to-night, if another post goes. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 233.*]

March 11. Dr. Timothy Halton to Williamson. Mr. Provost and the Company Queen's College, Oxford. have considered how to dispose of Oakley, and, though several of the society had a very great kindness for Mr. Brathwaite, yet it seemed somewhat hard to pass by one of the present Fellows, who desired it. But, after I had acquainted them that you had a respect for Mr. Brathwaite, and that you would take it kindly if that place were conferred on him, those who formerly opposed it readily submitted, and we have found another expedient for his competitor. To-morrow Mr. Brathwaite will have the grant of the place, and I hope it will pass *nem. con.* [*Ibid. No. 234.*]

March 11. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday evening one of our Harwich. packet-boats sailed with few passengers. The wind continues easterly, so we hourly expect the return of one of our packet-boats. [*Ibid. No. 235.*]

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 March 11. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. No news. [S.P.
 Portsmouth. *Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 286.]
- March 11. Thomas Farr, Mayor, to Williamson. Before your letter came,
 Southampton. the men and horses were all shipped and gone, so I have returned
 the enclosed. The vessel went on the 5th. [*Ibid.* No. 287.]
- March 11. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.E. [*Ibid.*
 Truro. No. 288.]
- March 11. Thomas Holden to Williamson. A French merchantman of 80
 Falmouth. tons, the *Leander*, of Bordeaux, bound for Dublin with wine and
 brandy, was lately taken off Scilly by two Dutch capers of 14 and
 10 guns. There are some things observable in the blowing up of
 the Church at St. Colomb, first that the pulpit was never started
 out of its place, nor in the least defaced, secondly, that the King's
 arms being blown away from where they stood fell flat on the
 Church Bible, so that both were preserved. It is believed that
 2,000*l.* will not repair that church. The wind remains N.E., so
 that about 30 merchantmen are now in this port bound for several
 places in France, expecting a fair wind. [*Ibid.* No. 289.]
- March 11. Warrant to the Sheriff of Hertfordshire to reprieve Judith Ansell,
 Newmarket. condemned at the Hertford assizes for the murder of her child, divers
 circumstances having appeared which made it probable that the child
 was stillborn. Minute. [S.P. *Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 126.]
- March 12. Lord Arlington to Williamson. I am somewhat late in acknow-
 Newmarket. ledging yours of the 9th with the enclosed news, because I have
 been expecting something to accompany my humble thanks to
 justify the trouble they may give you, but nothing has happened,
 or is like to do so, but the successes of the races, which I take but
 little pleasure in seeing, and you would take as little in reading,
 but I am abundantly comforted by the good air, of which I have
 my share, which I hope will prove as beneficial to his Majesty's
 heath as it is to mine. [S.P. *Dom., Car. II.* 368, No. 240.]
- March 12. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I asked the King and Duke what
 commands they had for you. Both answered, none at present.
 They both read your letters yesterday, and I afterwards showed
 them to the Lord Chamberlain. The post will not come in to-day
 till four and resolves to go out by one, and so constantly every day,
 so that you must not expect an account of the receipt of letters till
 the day following. Mr. Wicliffe cannot live, and a Fellow of Jesus
 College crossed the way, and flung Mr. Felton and the Scotch
 horse down, who had otherwise beaten Diamond, on whose side
 great odds were laid. By this accident Mr. May suffered some
 100*l.*, many others, and myself to the value of 110 guineas. [*Ibid.*
 No. 241.]
- March 12. William Hinton to Williamson. Requesting him when writing to
 Sir W. Temple to desire him to be concerned for Mr. James Boeve's
 business and to move both the Prince and the States for a dispatch
 thereof before the Prince goes into the field, and also requesting him
 to take notice, if he thinks it convenient, of the King's letter to the
 Prince and of the Prince's thereupon to the States. [*Ibid.* No. 242.]

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 March 12. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
 Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 243.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 243 i.*]
- March 12. The Duke of Monmouth to M. de Louvois. In recruiting my regi-
 Whitehall. ment two gentlemen have offered to engage themselves each to raise
 300 men and to transport them to France on condition that I give
 them a company of only 100 men, and that the other 200 be distributed
 among the other companies. I have believed it to be for his Majesty's
 service to employ them, but, as the proposal will augment the regiment
 by two companies, pray procure the King's approval thereof, and send
 me his orders about it. [*French. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 24.*]
- March 13 ? Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I received yours yesterday and in
 12 o'clock. less than a quarter of an hour after the post came delivered the
 enclosed to his Majesty and acquainted him and the Duke no foreign
 letters were come in. The King has commanded Secretary Coventry
 to write about the yate (yacht). He and the Duke have no other
 commands. Johnny Wicliffe died yesterday. The Lord Chamberlain
 went early this morning to Euston to return to-night. Pray pardon
 the great packets being directed to you. It is the King's business
 and I feared would not go so safe with any other direction. [*S.P.*
Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 244.]
- March 13. William Parrey, clerk of the Hospital, to Williamson. Informing
 Christ's him of the resolution of the Court, that he may present a child duly
 Hospital. qualified, either male or female, to be educated in the Hospital.
 [*Ibid. No. 245.*]
- March 13. Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I immediately acquainted his
 Newmarket. Majesty with yours of the 11th, who very readily agreed to it, and
 commanded me to write his order to Mr. Pepys about it, which I
 have done. We have no news here, but March dust in abundance
 and December ice. I am in great haste with coming from hunting
 and going to dinner. [*Ibid. No. 246.*]
- March 13. Silas Taylor to Williamson. It has of late blown such storms
 Harwich. and gusts of wind from the E. that we believe the packet-boat, that
 sailed hence on the 7th, hardly got by the 10th or 11th to the Brill,
 whence none of our packet-boats are as yet returned hither. The
Kitchen yacht with her prisoner sailed yesterday morning, wind
 N.W. This morning it blows briskly again at E. [*Ibid. No. 247.*]
- March 13. James Houseman to Williamson. Last night after the French
 Dover. mail was gone came a small box from Mr. Delabre, of Calais,
 directed to me with order to dispatch it to you. I have sent it this
 morning by the post with the Flanders mail. [*Ibid. No. 248.*]
- March 13. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Last Wednesday afternoon
 Weymouth. near Milburne between Dorchester and Blandford, John Mathew,
 the Exeter carrier, coming from London, was robbed of above 800*l.*
 by four persons, the judges having passed along not above half an
 hour before. Mr. Mathew dogging them, one of them told him he
 should leave them unless he would lose his life before his time.
 I hear of none of the robbers taken. The assizes at Dorchester are
 not yet ended. A full grand jury not appearing there, three justices
 of the peace were returned and served. [*Ibid. No. 249.*]

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The Lord Keeper, the Earl of Danby and Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. This morning the Lord Mayor and Aldermen have been with us to inform us of the late passages in the Common Council, which by their representation not only appear to have been very tumultuous, but as if they were designed to give a trouble in the Parliament as they have already done in the City. They left the enclosed papers, as some short account of what they then discoursed more at large, and upon the whole we find it of that infinite importance to have this settled by his Majesty before the meeting of Parliament that we humbly request his Majesty to return hither by Thursday the 25th at farthest, and, if it were possible, by Tuesday the 23rd, because the week following is Passion week, and the week after is Easter week, when most of the good members of the Common Council will be absent, and we think it necessary that time should be given for a Common Council to be called after his Majesty's resolution in Council taken, and before those weeks come on, wherein no business will be done, which consequently will drive the meeting of that first Common Council to the time of the Parliament's sitting, which will probably be highly inconvenient. Therefore we cannot but again repeat that his Majesty would seriously consider this, so as to enable us to assure the Mayor and Aldermen that he will hear this matter time enough to give effectual orders in it. In the meantime the Lord Mayor means not to call any Common Council till he have better assurance of their temper, which resolution may be worthy of his Majesty's approbation. The Mayor and Aldermen told us that some of the Common Council, or some employed by them, are already sent to give some representation of this matter on their part, but, since no application has been made to us by them, we desire his Majesty will suspend his belief of anything of that sort, which may be brought him, till his return to hear both parties. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 19.*]

March 14.
The Tower.

Sir J. Robinson to Williamson. The Lord Mayor yesterday kept us till four. You might perceive I had a very great distemper on me last night. I came home mightily out of order, slept ill and this morning am rather worse than better, else I was resolved to have waited on you, but I dare not stir abroad. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 1.*]

March 14.
Pall Mall.

H. Oldenburg to Williamson. This is the small collection of philosophical fragments I lately mentioned, and have taken the confidence of addressing to you, being fully persuaded of your goodness in accepting this mite. I enclose a paper formerly printed in vindication of the Royal Society against a hectoring writer, which I believe you have not seen, and will not be displeased with. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

March 14.
Newmarket.

Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I am very glad you now and then keep so good company as honest Sir John Daunie and Sir Kit [Musgrave]. I received the minutes of Council and showed them both to the King and Duke and acquainted them no foreign letter was as yet come in. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

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March 14. Dr. John Fell to Williamson. I hope I have concluded Mr. Elzevir's affair concerning Grotius to his satisfaction. At his return to London he will wait on you for your order for the dismissal of those copies he imported. I enclose a rude draft of an inscription for Dr. Beeby, which, I shall either shorten or lengthen or otherwise amend as you direct. *Noted on the back*, that the epitaph was delivered to Dr. Halton, 8 Oct. 1675, to be engraved, and not returned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 4.*]

March 14. Dr. Richard Allestree to Williamson. At present, that I know
Christ Church. of, there is no place in our chapel void. 'Tis probable I shall make half one void as I come up to London, but whether Mr. Westcomb's part be that which will be void or whether half a place will gratify him I know not as yet. I go by Eton up to London, and shall inform myself of the whole state, and make myself as able as I can to gratify him in this. [*Ibid. No. 5.*]

March 14. John Reading to Williamson. Giving an account of the arrivals
Dover. and departures of the packet-boats. About seven on Friday night Lord Douglas with Mons. Revenette and some others went for Calais in a yacht. [*Ibid. No. 6.*]

March 14. Bill for thread, tape, &c. bought that day from Robert Sopton,
amounting to 1*l.* 4*s.* 7½*d.* [*Ibid. No. 7.*]

March 14. Secretary Coventry to William Ramsden, Lord Mayor of York. I
Newmarket. have received your account of your re-imprisoning Maskall, as some letters say in the common gaol, and that he has been threatened with irons, in order to make him incapable of giving evidence according to the King's intentions; also of your releasing on bail those (except one) whom you had the King's order to commit, so that in both respects you have disobeyed his commands. Besides, you are alleged to have yourself taken away the King's warrant for not prosecuting Marshall. The King will not patiently endure his orders to be slighted and the country deprived of evidence against such notorious miscreants as clippers. Maskall will not be pardoned unless he reveal all he knows; he is not to be prosecuted this sessions, but left in the condition of being a witness; for the King will not have you indict the men accused and then clap up their accuser. He is so sensible of the prejudice to trade and to the whole kingdom by these clippers, that he will allow no officer to divert the sentence of law from any of them, on peril of his utmost displeasure. Should Maskall be thus disabled from giving evidence, and so the accused be cleared, or if they make their escape by your connivance, his Majesty will be highly offended. I hope these things have been misrepresented, for forcing away the King's warrant in a case of life and death, is no petty affront to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 128.*]

March 15. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I am very sorry for what you
Newmarket. mention in yours. I am sure it is a very ill juncture of time, and, as you think I lean too much one way, I wish all you three, that are to set things straight, lean not too much the other. I obeyed your

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commands in the postscript, and said not one word. I find it wondered at none of you three made any mention of it. Last night many letters came to several, one, as I hear, from Sir J. Robinson to Secretary Coventry, one from Sir J. Sheldon to Sir Allen Apsley, one from Sir T. Player to the Lord Chamberlain. I had likewise an account at large, which is so particular that I cannot but believe it true, and then I know who are in the wrong. When I heard things maintained out of letters, I likewise produced my City letter, but not one word of anything else. I delivered the enclosed to the King and Duke within half a quarter of an hour after the post came, and will not so much as dine out of town because your letters shall be first. The Lord Chamberlain is gone to dinner at Saxham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 8.]

March 15.
Hull.

Richard Gleadow to Williamson. We have had very little to advertise for a long time, only of late several quantities of rye have been imported, notwithstanding which the price keeps up above 40s. a quarter, and now that the spring puts in, trade begins to flourish, several ships being now here outward bound, viz., two for Hamburg, and several for Eastland and some for Rochelle and thence to the East. Yesterday came in the *Merchants' Desire* of Hull from Cadiz with sherries, oils, fruits, &c., who came with the *Bristol*. She brings very little news, only while she rode in the Bay there they saw two Argier men-of-war, which came into the Bay with English colours, but about two hours after set sail and then put out their own, but did no harm. This is the first ship that is gone from here to that place these several years. [*Ibid.* No. 9.]

March 15.
Lynn.

Edward Bodham to [Williamson]. A Danish ship arrived on Saturday from Grimstat in Norway tells us there wintered at Mardo and Ferkey 300 Hollanders, 20 whereof were lost on that coast. They caused victuals to rise to an excessive rate, so that a bar of fish was sold for 10 *rixdollars* and a firkin of butter for 12. Since his Majesty recalled his Indulgence to the Nonconformists there have been no public meetings, but I am informed they meet in private. As to Roman Catholics there are none in this town. Several Nonconformists in the country hereabouts are prosecuted in the Exchequer. [*Ibid.* No. 10.]

March 15.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind E.N.E. We are fitting out only the *Adventure* and *Guernsey* for Tangier. Yesterday came two quarters' pay for the dock and ordinary. [*Ibid.* No. 11.]

March 15.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. There was a great meeting of Quakers in a parish adjoining this town about seven last Friday evening, where there were a great many others of young people that were not of their opinion, but went out of curiosity. The room being full one of the most eminent among them began to speak and told them that God's children were quiet and peaceable and advised all to walk in the ways of God, for they should all come to judgment before Him, and, as soon as he had spoken these words, before he could proceed any further, the planchion fell under them, and they all fell one on another, only some few, who were by the windows, escaped the fall. In this fall divers children and others

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were much bruised but no other hurt. It is reported they are to meet again to-morrow to consecrate a meeting house they have erected about a musket shot from this town, if his Majesty's proclamation, which was proclaimed here last Saturday, do not prevent them. Wind N.N.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 12.]

March 15. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Since my last 40 or 50 sail are come in here, mostly outward bound. There are at present near 100 sail in all. Yesterday came in a Dutchman from France with French goods, who some leagues to the East of this met three French men-of-war, a rear-admiral of 60 guns and two of 40, who came on board him and, understanding he had French goods and was bound for Amsterdam, charged no man should take a farthing from him. The other day an Ostender, meeting an English vessel from Rouen, plundered him severely. Other shipping news. Wind N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 13.]

March 15. Royal assent and confirmation of the election of Dr. Ralph Newmarket. Brideoke to be Bishop of Chichester. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 47, p. 5.]

March 16. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. As you desired, I delivered the letters to the King, and after to the Duke, and then to the Lord Chamberlain. I likewise spoke to Secretary Coventry about the Dutch East India deputies. He tells me he has already sent you the King's pleasure in that. We have no news, no horse match yesterday or to-day. To-morrow Lusty runs. Two or three thousand pounds are betted on that match. Ned Rower, Walden and your humble servant now and then drink your health. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 14.]

March 16. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Since my last the weather has been Harwich. and continues very stormy, the wind betwixt N. and E. Sunday forenoon in a very short time one of our packet-boats arrived from the Brill. I had by letter from Holland this account. A Holland man-of-war going homewards from the Thames took a small Dunkirk caper of eight guns and brought her to the Brill on the 10th. Sunday sennight the soldiers who were quartered in the Brill marched thence, being the regiment of Grave Jan Van Horne, formerly Col. Palmes', who marched with five more regiments for Antwerp, where they are to join five other Holland regiments, to strengthen, as he writes, the Spanish forces, to attend the motion of the Prince of Condé in Brabant and Flanders. An East Indiaman of 40 guns, not far from Helvoetsluys, is making ready, and will suddenly be laden for the Indies. [*Ibid.* No. 15.]

March 16. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 16.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 161.]

March 17. Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I received yours of the 15th, Newmarket. and showed the King the enclosed papers, which are still in the hands of his Royal Highness. His Majesty conceives nothing more to be sent to Sir W. Temple at present, it being conceived he has already orders to procure the States to persuade what they can with

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the Emperor to adjust the matter with Prince William. Monsr. Ruvigny declares the Most Christian King will accept of his being put into a third hand. We are here hot in our wagers, but cold in our carcasses. I have felt since my being here as much cold in an English spring as an Italian winter. Sure Monsr. Van Beuninghen is in the right; the States either do not think of peace, or not of those terms. I find by Mr. Bulstrode Don P. de Ronquillo has no order as yet to come over, the Count de Monterey having assured them that the Parliament will not sit, so it seems the Spanish Ambassador is to come to wait on the Parliament, not the King. I will not delay you longer, being to see the issue of the great affair betwixt Lusty and Nutmeg, wherein Mr. Frampton, a gentleman of some 120*l.* rent, is engaged 900*l.* deep. I hope the world will see we have men dare venture as well as Monsr. de Turenne.

We have had no particulars here of the affair of the City, at least the King told me so yesterday. Sir T. Player and that party have sent their case and their reason, but none come from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen. One I had from Sir J. Robinson, but no state of the business, only words in general. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 17.]

March 17.
Newmarket.

Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I received yours yesterday. We have not at present so much as news of horsematches but this afternoon there is to be a famous one, and I have made two, and am about another against the next meeting, and then I hope we may have your company, for I think, without overvaluing ourselves, we may say here, we are as good as those you were left with. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]

March 17.
Belford
West Hall.

Thomas Carr to Williamson. I have made bold to give you notice of the sad and deplorable condition of most of the poorer sort of the inhabitants of this country, who now through want, though formerly householders and farmers, are constrained to go abroad, and beg for a livelihood for themselves and their families, which proceeds not so much from a scarcity or want of corn as from the cunning and uncharitable practices of a sort of people both in several corners of the country and also in the best of our towns, who at the most advantageous seasons for themselves buy up all the corn in gross, the one sort to transport it by shipping to other places, the other to lay it up till scarcer times, and then to retail it at intolerable rates for the poorer sort, to the utter depression and decay, if not timely prevented, of the yeomanry of these northern parts, which, with the rest of the yeomanry of England, have always been accounted the best seminary for soldiers in the whole world, and whereof his Majesty might have been well served on all emergencies, the consideration whereof may be more nearly pressed by this, that these people, having once got a habit of going idle and begging, will hardly, even in more plentiful times, be reduced from those lazy and vagrant courses, and so the nation shall more and more swarm with them, as they now do in most places. Therefore I have made this known to you, that some remedy by the Privy Council may be put to this growing inconvenience, which perhaps is not unfitting to be represented to you before the next meeting of Parliament, wherein if any restraint

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be put to such undue practices, though it may be disgusted by those that use them, yet particulars are to yield to generals, according to that of Seneca, *nulla res satis commoda est omnibus, id modo queritur, si majori parti et in summo prodest*. It only remains that I crave your pardon for this and the trouble of another paper I gave you formerly on another subject, and I would take it as a favour to know by a line from you, whether I do not offend in giving you these diversions from your other more public cares. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 19.*]

March 17. T. Aslaby to Williamson. The light fleet that were at anchor in this bay, are, we judge, got down to their loading ports, the wind being fair when they loosed. We expect the laden fleet from Newcastle the morning tide, the wind being W. Pray give me a line, when you hear anything concerning the farm of the Customs. [*Ibid. No. 20.*]

March 17. Richard Watts to Williamson. These 15 days past the winds Deal. have blown very violently, so that boats scarce came on shore or went off without sinking. Notwithstanding, no harm was done to any ship in the Downs. The East India ships have rid the whole time between Gravesend and this, expecting westerly or N.W. winds to bring them into the Downs, being outward bound. Now only a topsail gale, and pleasant weather at S.E. [*Ibid. No. 21.*]

March 17. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. About noon to-day the packet-boats for Calais and Nieuport went to sea with the mails that came from London last night, the wind fresh at E. Several passengers went over, but none of any quality. [*Ibid. No. 22.*]

March 17. The Mayor and Jurats of Dover to Williamson. According to his Majesty's command the bonds taken of aliens that came to inhabit here were sent up last December, and delivered to Sir Philip Lloyd, then clerk of the Council. The conditions of them were that they should pay scot and lot and discharge the parish, and, when they left their habitations, deliver up their certificates of habitation, and many were obliged to deliver up their certificates when required. Since then several of them are removed, others cast away and some of the families likely to be chargeable to the parish, and others have not paid the poor and Church cesses. We humbly desire you to move his Majesty to let us have the bonds to compel all the parties bound to deliver up the certificates, which if his Majesty thinks fit, we shall use our utmost endeavour to call them in. We have granted no certificates to strangers since the Mayor's appearance before his Majesty in Council. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]

March 17. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind E.N.E. No news. [*Ibid. Portsmouth. No. 24.*]

March 17. The Lord Keeper, the Earl of Danby, and Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. You will see by the date of the other letter it was intended to be sent by the ordinary of Saturday night. The reason it was not was, because, after it was prepared, four principal members of the Common Council, viz., Sir T. Player, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Nelthrop, and the Common Serjeant, Mr. Jeffreys,

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came late that afternoon to me, the Lord Keeper, where they found me, the Lord Treasurer, and there acknowledged their error, that they had put any question after the Lord Mayor was risen, and excused it upon the heats and passions raised by the debates, and further acknowledged that the sole power of calling Common Councils and dissolving them rested in the Lord Mayor, and renounced all pretences to precedents in the late ill times, desiring only to try their rights by the law and the precedents of the best times, whereby the main things in controversy seemed to us to be in a fair way of accommodation by this kind of submission. Which being done, I, the Lord Keeper, sent for some of the Aldermen to come to me on Tuesday morning, but, their number not being so full as they wished, they desired to come again this afternoon, when we were all three present, and are now informed that yesterday they held a Court of Aldermen, where they questioned the Common Serjeant for his misdemeanour in the last Common Council. The Lord Mayor expected such a kind of submission from him, as had been made before, and would have gladly received it. But on the contrary the Common Serjeant justified what he had done, as being his duty, and, being ordered to withdraw and afterwards called in again, refused to give any other satisfaction. Whereupon the Court of Aldermen have suspended him from his office, sequestering in the meantime the profits thereof and depositing them in safe hands, till a further proceeding be had. This very much surprised us to see the matter break out afresh, which being the case, we desired the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to come and speak with us at 10 on Saturday morning, and to bring their counsel with them, to prevent all heats of discourse, and we likewise desired the four gentlemen above-named with some others of the Common Council men to be here at the same time, and to bring counsel with them, intending to interfere as far as we possibly can to accommodate the matter, without offering in the least degree to determine anything judicially. But, lest our endeavours should not succeed, we could wish for the reasons mentioned in the former letter, his Majesty would shorten his stay there, for, if there should be no agreement, it seems to us of absolute necessity there should be one Council day, and time for one Common Council after that day, before the middle of the Passion Week. Our great care has been to preserve ourselves indifferent in the matter, being of so great importance, and we hope his Majesty will do the same, in case any representations be made on either side, till he shall have heard both parties. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 23.*]

March 18. Lord Arlington to Williamson. I acknowledge two of yours of the 13th and 16th. In the former was an account of your having signed with the Dutch Commissioners, in the latter the discourse Monsr. de Ruvigny had held with you touching the article of Prince William of Furst[enberg], wherein you had anticipated his Majesty's commands by writing the first post to Sir W. Temple about it, for which you craved his Majesty's allowance, which I asked *pro forma* for, though I could have told you the King had some days before directed me to write to Sir W. Temple in that point. At noon to-day I expect my wife here, and have his

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Majesty's leave to accompany her to Euston, whence I will return Sunday morning, and wait out the rest of my time here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 25.]

- March 18. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I received two of yours of the 16th
Newmarket. yesterday with two enclosed to the Duke, but have not had any news from you these two posts. I delivered Lord Robartes' letter to his Majesty who showed it to the Lord Chamberlain. I will not fail to remind him of keeping it. I thought fit to let you know the expectations that was of the Cucumber, knowing what leger-de-main you may come to meet with. My intimation of partiality was not so much to you as your comrade. As I hear the matter it sounds oddly. We were all undone yesterday, Lusty, Lord Montacute's horse, being sadly beaten, but the King has no thoughts of stirring till Saturday sennight. [*Ibid.* No. 26.]
- March 18. Jo. Field to W. Bridgeman. Requesting that the *caveat* con-
Newmarket. cerning a share in the New River, calendared *post*, p. 37, be entered. [*Ibid.* No. 27.]
- March 18. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The packet-boat which sailed on
Harwich. Sunday was driven back, and came in Tuesday afternoon. Yesterday she sailed again about 2 p.m., and another this morning betwixt 2 and 3, but the weather continues stormy and the wind blows hard easterly. [*Ibid.* No. 28.]
- March 18. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 29.]
- March 18. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S.E. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 30.]
- March 18. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The wind continuing for at
Falmouth. least 20 days together at E. and S.E., there are now here above 60 English merchantmen, most from France, Bilboa, Lisbon, &c., homeward bound the next fair winds. Yesterday came in the *Biscay Merchant* and the *Bonaventure* from Bilboa, and the *Ann* of Ely from Bordeaux with wines homeward bound, which say that the report there was that the French King would begin his progress for the army in the Low Countries on the 28th and that they are making great preparations both by sea and land for the next summer's expedition. [*Ibid.* No. 31.]
- March 18. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* No. 32.]
- March 18. J. B. to ————. I was to have spoken with you last night, but
had not the opportunity, wherefore I come again this morning, having, as I suppose, some things of consequence in that affair to discourse. If you will let the bearer know when and where, he may call me presently to you, unless you will meet me at your old lodgings from which I shall not be far. [*Ibid.* No. 33.]
- March 19. Minutes of the proceedings of the Privy Council. Affidavits of
Whitehall. three of Lady Portland's servants of their being beaten in Charterhouse Lane read. Ordered that the parties complained of be summoned to attend the Board next Friday. The business of

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arresting Michael Hale and Thomas Flood of the Queen's Troop heard and dismissed. Petition of the owners of two ships built with two decks for abatement of Customs read and respited till his Majesty's return. Petition of Nathaniel Tilly, &c. against building in Spitalfields by the trustees of Mr. Wheeler's children read and respited till his Majesty's return. Petition of Peter Gale about cordage seized by him and rescued from him. The parties complained of to be summoned to attend. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 34.]

March 19. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I enclose a letter from his Majesty and also Lord Robartes' letter, which the King was very glad to part with, it being a very dry one. I every post ask the King and Duke what commands they have for you. The weather is not so seasonable as we could wish, but matches are so ordered that there is now no thoughts of the King's stirring till to-morrow sennight. No one wishes an end of the unlucky difference more than myself, but I find such violence used that I fear it will not be ended so soon as it were convenient. [*Ibid.* No. 35.]

March 19. Request for a *caveat* for Mr. Maximilian de l'Angle for the prebendary's place first vacant at Canterbury, the King having promised it to him. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

March 19. Anthony Isaacson to James Hickes. We have upwards of 200 colliers now in this port, some of them laden, but the wind is out of the way. [*Ibid.* No. 37.]

March 19. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 38.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 38 1.]

March 19. Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. I received this afternoon yours of yesterday with the enclosed for my Lord Keeper, my Lord Treasurer and myself in answer to ours about the business of the City. To-morrow morning my Lord Keeper means to try what can be done as a private friend for accommodating the matter between them. I would willingly hope well of it, but, I confess, I dare not presume so far, knowing well how deep that humour lies with some, how long it has been breeding, and what far views and designs there may be reason to suspect they have framed to themselves as to the future. My Lord Keeper means to handle it with all possible gentleness, far from the least partiality or inclining to either side, whatever appear upon the enquiry into it, aiming only at the allaying of heats, softening the minds one towards another, and, if it cannot be brought to a friendly end of themselves, then to leave it fair for his Majesty to hear at his return.

I have been told by M. de Ruvigny the declaration of the Most Christian King of his accepting of Nimeguen, and have taken leave, though I could not have a particular express order for it from his Majesty, to signify it by the last ordinary to Sir W. Temple. One thing, methinks, was very remarkable in it, that absolutely that King from henceforth owns and declares the Crown of Sweden for his open and formal ally in the war, in that he declares he

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cannot do this or anything else in this whole work *sans son sçeu et consentement*, and in another place that he is ready to send his plenipotentiaries, &c., to treat at Nimeguen, &c., *conjointement avec ceux de la Couronne de Suede*, which, methinks, has thrown the Swedes as formal parties into this war, whether they will or not, and so Holland will certainly from henceforth take the case for judged even out of their own mouths, that is out of the mouth of their ally, the Most Christian King, and, this being so, it is plain how slow every step is like to be made in this work of the treaty, when the consent of Sweden must at every time be sent for to Stockholm, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 21.*]

March 19. *Careat* that no grant pass of a prebendary's place in Canterbury, the King having promised the same to Mr. Maximilian de l'Angle. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 9.*]

March 20. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I delivered the papers to the King and Duke who has them still. I intend to-day to send them to the Lord Chamberlain, and have desired Mr. Richards to keep them together, that at our return they may be delivered to you. I should be heartily glad an expedient were found for the ending the unhappy difference. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 39.*]

March 20. Silas Taylor to Williamson. About noon the 14th one of our
Harwich. packet-boats sailed and was forced back again the 16th, yet ventured out the 17th. Early on the 18th another sailed, but yesterday both together were forced back and put in again about 5 in the afternoon. The wind continues a very fret from the E. so that no vessels venture so much as to cross within our harbour. However yesterday afternoon arrived a small hoy from the Brill in a very short time, but with very great hazard. She brought over several passengers (the women especially have scarce yet quitted their affrights), no packet-boat being there to receive them. I spoke with one of them last night, who told me he was at the Hague on Tuesday, and the Prince of Orange, as he was informed, returned two or three days before. [*Ibid. No. 40.*]

March 20. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. Last night arrived here from
Dover. London the French mails, but the wind blowing hard at N.E. the packet-boat remains here still. Lord Howard, the Queen's almoner, came here last night with several other gentlemen, who remain here, expecting a yacht to carry them over. Last night arrived the French mail from Calais. The packet-boat brought over several English soldiers that came out of the French service, with whom came a person from Zealand. He reports that several privateers of that place have brought and daily bring into Middleburg and Flushing several ships of subjects of the King of Sweden, already to the number of above 20, by virtue of commissions from the Elector of Brandenburg, which vessels with their ladings are condemned at Trevere (Terveer). Last Thursday a Zealand caper with a Brandenburg commission took two Swedes vessels laden with deals bound for France. The wind blowing hard they were dispersed and one of the Swedes came into and remains in this harbour in the possession of the Zealander, who put his own men on board and took the Swedes out. We expect the Flanders mail every hour. [*Ibid. No. 41.*]

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March 20.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. The enclosed will give you an account of our meeting this morning with the Lord Mayor and Aldermen and some of the Common Council. The matter itself is plain and very easily accommodated, but I doubt whether the humours that set it on foot are so. It was evident, by this morning's work, there are great heats breaking out, if not speedily and warily prevented. It is very judicious what is observed there, that it is not fit to appear too much moved or concerned at such incidents, and yet at the same time this is one of that nature that seems to require and deserve a very serious care should be had of it. I hope his Majesty's own hand may in a great measure heal all, but truly I doubt less than that will not do it. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 29.] Enclosed,

March 20.
Whitehall.

The Lord Keeper, the Earl of Danby and Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. To-day we had a meeting with the Lord Mayor and Aldermen and some of the principal members of the Common Council, the former four and divers others, which was the first time that ever we saw them both together. The gentlemen that appeared of the Common Council were without any lawyers, as we had appointed at our last meeting to prevent heats, declaring they had no authority to retain counsel for the body of the Commons, for they appeared only in their private capacity. When we saw that, we would not suffer the counsel for the Mayor and Aldermen to speak, that so they might be upon equal terms. Our first care was to declare, that we entered not upon the matter as judges but as mediators, and then to let them see that we desired to enter upon no questions, but such as were the questions when they first fell out. We began with the part of the tumult which happened after the Lord Mayor was risen, and the sword taken up, and therein the gentlemen of the Common Council, and particularly Mr. Jeffreys, notwithstanding what had been said by him before in the Court of Aldermen, unanimously declared that all that was done after the sword was taken up, was irregular and not to be justified, and acknowledged their error in it, and the right of the Lord Mayor to call and dissolve Common Councils, withal declaring they should never desire to insist on any rights, but such as are warranted by precedents of the best times. This we recommended to the Mayor and Aldermen present, as a great degree of satisfaction, and having obtained of Mr. Jeffreys that he would make the same acknowledgement in the Court of Aldermen, recommended them to accept of it, and to restore him upon it. This they did not seem unwilling to do, but thought this was not all, for the negative voice of the Lord Mayor, his lordship said, had been questioned. We avoided that question and the debate of it, but with a reason enough for the advantage of the Court of Aldermen, for the Lord Keeper said that, as this was not the question now, so there was reason to believe that it would never be questioned hereafter, the rather, because till Feb., 1648[-9], at which time the Usurpers passed an Act to take away the Lord Mayor's negative voice, it was never doubted, and these gentlemen had declared they would follow the precedents of the best

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times. So we declined the debate, though the Lord Mayor and Aldermen had brought counsel and the City books to enter upon it. Thence we entered upon the right of choosing the Judge of the Sheriffs' Court. We showed them there were but two ways of determining it, by course of law or by reference. If by course, then either another judge must be admitted by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council to enable him to bring an action against him that was admitted by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen alone, or else there must be a way to try it by a fictitious and feigned action, neither of which we thought so proper as the way of reference, which we commended to them either to be by a committee to be chosen amongst themselves, or to three or four of the judges, whom they could agree upon. Sir T. Player and the rest said, that they could not in this case answer for the Common Council, but believed they would insist upon having a man admitted in Common Council that might be equal with the other. We showed them that would be unequal to qualify a man with two rights to bring an action against him that had but one, and that a more equal way would be, that the present man should surrender, for that it would most naturally tend to a reference of one kind or other. This the gentlemen of the Common Council seemed to like well enough, but the Lord Mayor and Aldermen desired time till Tuesday next to determine of it in a Court of Aldermen, in the meantime not showing much aversion to the proposition. Thus we restrained the debates for a time to the matter, till at last some reflecting speeches on each side broke out, which we presently allayed, and both sides disapproved the speakers. So upon the whole matter we hope there are good dispositions to an accommodation, the assembly being very numerous, and the whole company seeming to part with some satisfaction. [3½ pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 25.]

- March 21. Sir R. Carr to [Williamson]. I received yours yesterday. The Duke was gone to Culford. I sent his letter after him, and wrote an excuse to Sir J. Worden for not sending the news, for the King was at a play and had not read it; he returns to-day. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 869, No. 42.]
- March 21. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and
Dover. departures of packet-boats and mails. Lord Howard remains here still, and as yet has no news of the yacht appointed to carry him over. [*Ibid.* No. 48.]
- March 21. Grant to Dr. Thomas Sherley of the place of physician to the King in ordinary. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 54.*]
- March 21. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting the petition of
Whitehall. Sir George Gilbert, Alderman of Dublin, which set forth the great want in Ireland of the Great Beam or Common Balance for weighing all goods in seaports, cities and towns, and prayed a grant to him and his assigns of setting up the said Great Beam or Common Balance in the seaports, cities and towns of Ireland for 61 years, the reference thereof to the Lord Lieutenant and his report thereon dated 19 Dec. last, that setting up the Great Beam or Common

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Balance in Ireland might be useful, so as none be compelled to weigh any goods by it and that no fees be exacted except from such as desire to make use of it, authorizing and requiring him to cause letters patent to be passed containing a grant to the said Sir George Gilbert and assigns as prayed in the petition, subject to the conditions mentioned in the report. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 296.*]

March 22.
Wilton.

The Duchess of Portsmouth to Williamson. "Vous maves autés (otez) de la plus grande penne du monde anmanvoyant (en m'envoyant) la lettre du roy. Sy vous annaves plus pas une pour moy, je vous conjure, monsieur, de les vouloyr garder, car je seres sans doute vanderdis (Vendredi) a Londre, ou jes pere que je vous vaires pour vous remersyer de tous vausoin, et vous asurer que personne net (n'est) plus vautre tres umble servante que La Duchesse de Portsmouth.

Postscript.—Jes pere que vous vouderes bien prandre la penne d'anvoyer toute ses (ces) lettre a leur adresse. Je vous an conjure, monsieur. Anvoy, je vous suplis, selle de Madame Scroup aussy a Madame Baucley." [*S.P. Dom., Car II. 369, No. 44.*]

March 22.

James Hickes to Williamson. Explaining at great length how Williamson's letter to himself, saying he intended writing late on Friday night, had never reached him, so that Col. Whitley after sitting up till 2 o'clock had gone to bed.

On Saturday night in obedience to your commands I enclosed yours to the Duchess of Portsmouth at Wilton, and required Mr. Bedbury, the postmaster, to carry it or send it by a safe hand to her Grace, and desired an answer by return of post after doing so. I also let him know it was your particular command he took all care in the safe delivery of what letters came to or from her during her stay in those parts. I acquainted the colonel with your directions concerning your officers' letters, all which he strictly charged me to observe, and I desire and hope they will so merit your favour that they may have them free as Lord Arlington's servants had and Secretary Coventry's have, for they are not many. [*Ibid. No. 45.*]

March 22.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Here has been for several days violent stormy weather, and last Friday was lost a small vessel laden with coals, which drove forth of Hartlepool pier. Two fishermen of the place were lost in her and one of the ship's company. Wind N.N.E. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]

March 22.
Dover.

Francis Bastineck to Williamson. Lord Almoner Howard remains here still, expecting the yacht to carry him over, which we have no news of yet, but expect this wind hinders it from coming down the river. The packet-boats are also still in harbour, which might have landed their mails on the other side and been here again, if they would have gone to sea, and the Calais packet-boat might have gone to sea and landed their mail at Calais this noon tide. It cannot be above 4 or 5 hours run, the wind continuing N.E.

To-day came in here a Swedes vessel laden with deals, bound for France, and sent up by a Zealand caper that sails with a

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Brandenburg commission. The privateer's men report there will suddenly be at sea 40 capers from Zealand with the same commissions. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 47.]

March 22. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Since my last, at least 56 sail
Pendennis. are come in here from several parts of France, mostly for London, but some for Holland, and two or three from Bilboa, and four or five from Stockholm or Norway. The wind continued E. and N.E. all last week, and is at present at North, so that the ships are endeavouring to go out to-day. Here is likewise a Flushing privateer of 4 guns bound for sea. There are in all, gone and going out, about 150 sail. [*Ibid.* No. 48.]

March 22. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 20th came in here the *Mary*
Falmouth. of Dover with wine and brandy from Nantes, homeward bound. Two days before they met a Flushing caper, which took from them brandy and other goods. The said caper is now also come in, and the master has demanded satisfaction, and, if the captain will not give it, he will compel it by law. The wind to-day is come into the N.W., so the fleet of merchantmen for France are putting to sea, and, if it holds, those homeward-bound will put to sea also. The Flushing caper now come in has been 5 weeks at sea and met with no purchase. She saw several fleets of Frenchmen but with convoy, and keeping so close to the shore that she could do no good on them. [*Ibid.* No. 49.]

March 22. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. News the same as in the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* No. 50.]

March 22. T. B. to —. The time and night you desired, and I thought to have spoken with you, I could not. One reason was, because I intended to have had a fuller account of that concern I last hinted to you, and have now, wherefore I desire again to speak with you about that and several other things that, for aught I know, may be of consequence for the present and future in the concerns you know. This bearer will inform you where I am, and will give me notice to come to you, when you appoint the time and place. [*Ibid.* No. 51.]

March 23. Sir R. Carr to Williamson. I delivered the Duke his letter, and the news both to the King and Duke, and afterwards to the Lord Chamberlain. Yesterday the King had dined before the Duke came from hunting, but the Lord Chamberlain coming late to town had not dined, and his Highness was pleased to dine there, and was very merry. I never knew King and Duke in better health or better humour. [*Ibid.* No. 52.]

March 23. Roger Bedbury to James Hickes. Stating how he had delivered
Sarum. the Duchess of Portsmouth the letter enclosed by Hickes, and forwarding her answer to it. [*Ibid.* No. 53.]

March 23. Silas Taylor to Williamson. About evening last Sunday, the
Harwich. wind moving more towards the North, was much duller than before. Yesterday it was most northerly, and to-day is much westerly. Yesterday morning one of the packet-boats sailed and another in

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the afternoon, being the two put back two or three days before. Most of the ships put in here by the last tedious easterly storm are sailed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 54.]

March 23.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. At 8 this morning a great ship coming into the Downs outward bound run aground on the Brake Head where she sits dry for this tide, the wind being N.W. and fair weather. It is hoped she will get off again; many of our boats being gone to her assistance, by whose help she is got off, and is gone for Dover harbour, being very leaky. She was bound for Tangier and Malaga; her name is the *Chicheley* frigate. [*Ibid.* No. 55.]

March 23.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Towards night yesterday the wind veered from N.N.E. to S.W. and so continues. We have had very foul weather about 26 days past, not two days' pleasant weather all that time. Divers homeward-bound ships, we hear, are forced to Ireland or the West of England. In all these storms we have had about 40 ships in the Downs, yet no harm done. A topsail gale. [*Ibid.* No. 56.]

March 23.
Dover.

Francis Bastinck to Williamson. About 4 this morning the packet-boats for Nieuport and Calais went to sea, and about the same time the *Mary* yacht came into the road, and about 8 Lord Almoner Howard went on board and sailed with a very fair wind at N.W. The Calais packet-boat is expected back to-night if they do not go into the harbour to land their goods, for a N.W. wind keeps them there, and being out, is fair to come over, but the weather being smooth and daylight, 'tis not doubted they will land what they have in the road.

Yesterday were posted up in several parts of the town papers by the Mayor and his brethren's directions to call in all seabriefs forthwith. He tells me several have already tendered their briefs and demanded their bonds, which, he says, are at London, but he expects them to be suddenly sent down. [*Ibid.* No. 57.]

March 23.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Adventure* and *Guernsey* are now ready, only wanting seamen to the first, the other being well manned. [*Ibid.* No. 58.]

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George Dyer to Williamson. In his master Captain Lanyon's absence enclosing list of ships arrived. Wind S.E. [*Ibid.* No. 59.]
Enclosed,

The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 59 r.]

March 24.

Sir R. Carr to Williamson. Yesterday his Majesty rode himself three heats and a course, and won the plate. All four were hard and near ridden. The King won by good horsemanship. Last night a match was made between Bluecap and a consealed horse of Mr. Maye's called Thumper, to run the six mile course, 12 stone weight, on Tuesday in Easter week for 1,000 *guineas*, and this is all our Newmarket news.

I delivered your packet yesterday to his Majesty, who told me he will write, but it growing late I write first and then intend to go to him again for his letter, if it is to be had. I constantly show the Lord Chamberlain your news. [*Ibid.* No. 60.]

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[Daniel Elzevir] to [Williamson?]. In 1640 Jean Maire printed at Leyden Grotius' *De Veritate Religionis Christiane*, of which the manuscript was given him by the author himself. About 20 years ago I bought it of him, which was pirated at Oxford by a bookseller named Webb about 18 years ago. Notwithstanding, I have never stopped sending my edition of the said book to England, nor has the said Webb ever attempted to hinder my doing so. His widow endeavoured to sell any right she might have to the London booksellers, but, as they saw they could not prevent my edition being sold, they would not give her anything. She applied since to the Curators of the Sheldonian Press, who bought it from her for 5*l*. as I am informed. Last March one of the chief London booksellers wrote to me that it was intended to print the book at Oxford, and he advised me to send a good number of copies to London to anticipate this, and offered me his assistance, but, as I had only about 800 copies, I had 2,000 printed, all of which I sold to John Dunsmore, merchant bookseller in London, and sent him them about six months ago. On their arrival here, the bookseller who had written to me, seeing I had sold them to Dunsmore, and besides being annoyed at my having sent some books to the Oxford booksellers, who had asked me for them, wrote to some one belonging to the Sheldonian Press, that 2,000 copies of Grotius had arrived at London, and that they had the right to have them seized at the Custom house. They consented to do so, and by this intrigue the books are still at the Custom house.

By the above one may see clearly that it is out of mere jealousy that the books have been seized and that a right is desired to be established here, which no one ever had, and which is in direct conflict with the law of nations, and the custom established all over Europe among booksellers, among whom it is considered a sort of theft for one to reprint another's books, though this happens oftener than it should, but no one ever yet had the impudence to hinder him who had first acquired the copyright from selling his edition. I know of only one instance that happened in Germany, where a certain bookseller pirated my *Quintus Curtius cum notis Variorum*, and obtained a privilege from the Emperor, by virtue whereof he wished to stop the sale of my book in Germany. I was obliged to apply to the Imperial Court and remonstrated on the unfairness of a man who had stolen my copyright having the boldness to demand a privilege, and, though we were not then on good terms with the Emperor, the said bookseller was fined, and I was allowed to sell my book as before.

As it is very just and equitable that the right of those who have invented any manufactures should be maintained here, and in every other trade those that have been invented elsewhere are allowed, although they have been counterfeited here, it would be unjust to wish to hinder others from transporting what they have acquired by their industry, and it would finally oblige the other states to employ the same methods, which would at last ruin all correspondence and commerce.

I know that the trade in books is not so important for the kingdom as that in cloth and other stuffs, but it is no less important for the republic of letters that the trade in books, which

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are not forbidden by the laws of the kingdom, should be free, as it is to others that the traffic in other goods be promoted and not thwarted.

I hope not only that the reasons above given may be sufficient to cause the bale in question to be given up to John Dunsmore, but that it may be provided that envious people may not do similar wrongs without being punished for them. [*French. 2½ pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 61.*]

- March 24. Sir L. Jenkins. Discharge of the bale of *Grotius De Veritate* stopped at the Customhouse at the request of the persons to whom the affair of printing in the University of Oxford is committed, with the consent of the said persons, and request to the Commissioners of the Customs that the said bale be delivered to Daniel Elzevir or his order, the customs being first paid. On the back is a note of a letter from the King to the Lord Lieutenant for a grant of the bishopric of Killaloe to Patrick Sheridan, B.D., Dean of Connor. [*Ibid. No. 62.*]
- Wednesday 2 a.m. B[aron] de Viques to [Williamson.] The wind suddenly turning favourable, the ships set sail at 6 p.m., so I am like to be disappointed of my man I sent to London to your Honour. I left [March 24.] order he should follow me into Zealand through Flanders, and, Near the Hope. should he bring any box of yours, leave it with the postmaster at Gravesend. [*Ibid. No. 63.*]
- March 24. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. The *Chicheley* frigate, of which Deal. I gave you an account yesterday, went for Dover, but there was not water enough there for her, so this morning she is returned and goes back for London, and 30 of our Deal men go up in her for help, for they are forced to keep the pumps going and bale also, and all little enough to keep her free. The wind has come about to the South-west. *Postscript.*—The said vessel is gone for the Swale. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]
- March 24. Richard Watts to Williamson. News of the *Chicheley* as in Deal. Lodge's last two letters. Several Deal men are gone with her in a hooker to save the shipmen's lives, if she founders. Wind S.W., a topsail gale. [*Ibid. No. 65.*]
- March 24. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. About the receipt and dispatch Dover. of the mails and about the packet-boats. [*Ibid. No. 66.*]
- March 24. *Caveat* that Secretary Coventry desires that no grant pass of any reversion of a share in the New River, at present in Mr. Buckworth's possession, without notice to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 8.*]
- March 25. Dr. T. Stephens to Williamson. Thanking him for his ready Cambridge. compliance (of which he had heard from his friend Dr. Knights) with a request made to him in the writer's behalf by Lord Chief Justice North, and for promising to acquaint his Majesty with the Lord Chief Justice's desires, and to act accordingly, either by moving the Lord Keeper for a prebend at Norwich or the Bishop of Ely for something in his donation, adding that he has formerly suffered for the King both sequestration and imprisonment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 67.*]

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 March 25. Roger Bedbury to James Hickes. Yours with the enclosed for
 Sarum. the Duchess was delivered last night into her own hands. She
 comes away to-morrow, Friday, for London, and intends to ride it
 in one day. Horses are laid along the road. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
369, No. 68.]
- March 25. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A little before noon yesterday came
 Harwich. in here the *Richmond* yacht, wind S.W. They expected to meet
 Count Coningsmarek here from Newmarket who is not come yet;
 several of his attendants are here. To-day the wind holds the
 same place, but blows somewhat fresher. None of the packet-boats
 are yet arrived from Holland. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]
- March 25. Richard Watts to Williamson. The five East Indiamen and
 Deal. Virginia, Straits, &c., outward bound, are fallen down and to-day
 anchored in the Downs. Wind S.W., not a topsail gale. [*Ibid.*
No. 70.]
- March 25. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. About 3 this morning the
 Dover. Calais packet-boat landed the mail and came into the harbour the
 same tide. They brought over about 20 Frenchmen, most of them
 tailors. [*Ibid. No. 71.*]
- March 25. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W.S.W. Col. George
 Portsmouth. Legg, Governor of this place, came yesterday to town. No ships
 are stirring either in or out. [*Ibid. No. 72.*]
- March 25. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
 Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 73.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 73i.]
- March 25. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Recovery* of Fowey, a small
 Falmouth. vessel, came in here, which about a month ago took in at
 Plymouth goods for Topsham, and the day after they put to sea a
 violent storm blew them over to the French coast, and going into
 a port near the Green Island an Ostend caper boarded them, and
 took from them two hogsheads of sugar, two half hogsheads of
 spirits and broke open 7 or 8 seamen's chests wherein were several
 runlets of Canary and clothes which they carried away, also they
 beat the master and men very much, so that one of the men died
 three days after they came in. They say a French man-of-war
 had lately taken 9 capers. [*Ibid. No. 74.*]
- March 26. Certificate by Sir William Peake that John Vaen on that day took
 the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him. [*Ibid. No. 75.*]
- March 26. James Hickes to Williamson. No letter came to hand last
 night for Mr. John Holford in Taunton. When you send
 anything for the Colonel, please let it be directed to him, which
 that was not, only to be delivered to him by me. [*Ibid. No. 76.*]
- March 26. Sir John Fowell to Williamson. I acknowledge the honour of
 Fowellscombe. yours, which I had done sooner, had these parts afforded anything
 worth your reading. I was last week at our assizes at Exeter,
 when our judges gave great satisfaction to all, especially Lord
 Chief Justice North. We had there, by our Lord Lieutenant's

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directions, a meeting for the better settling of our militia, which has of late been something neglected with us, as I doubt it has been also in some other of our neighbouring counties. But now that we have authority, I hope we shall discharge our trusts in that.

We have already sent away to the Newfoundland from our poor town of Dartmouth near 40 ships, all according to the late regulation confirmed by His Majesty in Council.

A French man-of-war, being informed of a small Dutch merchantman that was run into a little cove aground near the Start point for security, sent in her boats very insolently and carried her away about a fortnight since.

Sir W. Portman being lately here with me, I perceived he was a little troubled that, after his Majesty had signed a warrant in answer to his desires for settling a regulated corporation again in Taunton, a stop was put to it, which truly I am sorry for, for besides that I should have been glad to have Sir William gratified, I conceive, that, if the government of that town were put into the hands of such loyal and well affected persons as I perceive is intended, it would have been much for his Majesty's service, and to the satisfaction of all the neighbourhood to that populous poor place, wherefore, if you think fit, pray enquire a little after it. I understand it was stopped in Secretary Coventry's hands, after his Majesty signed the warrant. I suppose you find by this time how apt those are to give others trouble that have little to do themselves, wherefore, craving your pardon, I rest. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 77.*]

March 26.
Barnstaple.

William Wakeman to Williamson. Last Tuesday night was cast away near Ilfordcombe the *Arms of Bristol* bound from Bristol for the Barbados. Sixteen persons were drowned, but the rest, about 40, got to land, some in the ship's boats, and some driven in on the wreck. She was a very fine ship of about 350 tons and with 26 guns. Very little of her cargo is yet saved, and there is very little likelihood of saving much more. [*Ibid. No. 78.*]

March 27.
Newcastle.

Anthony Isaacson to Williamson. Near 200 laden colliers sailed hence within these last three days. Several of the laden colliers which sailed the beginning of last week were forced by the then easterly storms to make Leith Road, but some light colliers that came in to-day report meeting them with a fair wind, bound southward. This day sennight, as I am informed, twenty armed men forced out of a house near White Shanck on the Borders betwixt Carlisle and Berwick six packs of wool, seized formerly by one of the Custom House officers for those Borders, and carried it away by force for Scotland. I need not tell your Honour of what bad consequence it is. [*Ibid. No. 79.*]

March 27.
Sunderland.

Samuel Hodgkin to Williamson. Colliers both light and laden daily pass by and come in here. One that broke Richmond Gaol and came here to be transported was apprehended, and yesterday sent back to where he escaped from. He is said to be a person of estate, living in that part of the country. [*Ibid. No. 80.*]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arrived with two mails last night, and another with one this morning. The passengers in the last informed the master that several were imprisoned in Holland for attempting to poison the Prince of Orange, among whom was a cook, and that some had already died for it, and others had been put to the torture, but the certainty of it I know not.

Last night Count Coningsmarck, it is said, went on board the *Richmond* yacht, and sailed about 6 this morning for Hamburg, wind S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 81.]

March 27.
Dover.

Francis Bastinck to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and departures of the packet-boats. [*Ibid.* No. 82.]

March 27.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. A small vessel of this town arrived here two days since from Croisic, and one from the Straits came into our road yesterday, bound for some place in France. Neither brought any news, but a small vessel from St. Malo, which was a fortnight at Guernsey on his passage home, says that at his coming from St. Malo there were about 90 sail bound for fishing near Canada, many of whom were afraid that the King of France would make them yearly pay the 60 *sols* per ton he made them pay this year for going out.

Yesterday Mr. John Harrington, whose father was sometime one of the serjeants-at-arms, had his boy, one Prince, baptized in our church, he being about 15, and not baptized before, and the son of a Nonconformist, to see which the church was fuller than it useth to be, he having godfathers and godmothers according to the ceremony of the Church. He was named Mico, in regard that yesterday was the anniversary day hereof, and a sermon preached by order of Sir Samuel Mico, deceased, who had given 500*l.* to our town, and ordered the yearly income thereof to be given to ten poor seamen here, except 20*s.* for the sermon. [*Ibid.* No. 83.]

March 27.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 25th arrived the *Samuel* of this place from the Texel but 10 days since. The master says the States had not then begun to fit any of their men-of-war there. Some hours after his coming out, he met three, pretending to be Ostend privateers, of 10 guns a piece, but he rather thinks them Dunkirkers. Certainly many Englishmen were on board them. They took some of the merchants' goods out of the hold, but very much plundered the master and seamen, notwithstanding they had a seabrief. The same day arrived the *Mary Anne* of this port from Morlaix. The master says he did not hear of any fleet fitting at Brest. A ship or two of force had gone for Ireland, as was said, to fetch soldiers from thence, and make as great preparation for the field as they can. [*Ibid.* No. 84.]

March 27.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir Richard Ford. Requesting his support at a meeting of the Mercers' Company to be held that morning for the choice of a professor at Gresham College in the place of Dr. Goddard, deceased, in favour of Dr. Grew, a person of very eminent parts and worth in his way, whom very able and ingenious men judge to be every way fully qualified for this chair, and in

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whose favour all that wish well to the King's foundation of the Philosophical Society in that house ought to be zealous, for the great use he is to that body. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 32.*]

- March 27. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Mr. Graham not being returned since my last is the reason you have not heard further from me on that business; but Lord Aungier, who is well acquainted with that affair and first sent Mr. Graham to me, is himself now going with the Duke of Ormonde to England, and undertakes both to settle the matter between you and Mr. Graham, and to convince you that this cause is proper enough for you to protect and can no way reflect on you, so that I have no more to do till you and my lord have conferred and I receive your further commands. As for forfeited concealed lands and the like I have several discoveries by me, but I see so many others concerned in the like, and the Lord Lieutenant so averse to them all, that I judge it not seasonable as yet to put you on the like. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 151.*]
- March 28. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. The *Guernsey*, Portsmouth. that carries Lord Inchiquin, is gone to Spithead, and is there ready to receive him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 85.*]
- March 28. Restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Chichester to Whitehall. Ralph Brideoke, D.D., to commence from the death of the last Bishop of Ely and the promotion of the late Bishop of Chichester to Ely. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 5.*]
- March 28. Warrant to the Attorney-General to enter a *nolle prosequi* on an Whitehall. information exhibited in the Court of Exchequer by John Fell, D.D., and Thomas Yates, D.D., touching the seizure of a certain bale of books entitled, Grotius, *De Veritate Religionis Christianæ*, printed beyond seas. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 51.*]
- March 28. Licence to John Tregonnell, his heirs and assigns, for changing Whitehall. the fair day from the eve, the day, and the day after the Feast of Sampson, the bishop, to 6, 7 and 8 June, and, if any of them happen to be a Sunday, then on the day after, and for changing the market day from Monday to Tuesday, and for holding the same in his manor of Milton, Dorset. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 52*]
- March 28. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for letters patent Whitehall. granting to John Roane, D.D., Dean of Clogher, the bishopric of Killaloe, void by the death of Daniel, late Bishop thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 298, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 21, p. 169.*]
- March 29. Dr. Brune Ryves to Williamson. I was not a little surprised Windsor. with yours of the 25th, not knowing which to account the greater, my gratitude or my wonder that, in the midst of your weighty engagements, you should fasten on any opportunity to cast a thought towards so decayed, so worthless a person, as I am. I have now almost served my generation, and I cannot but account this vouchsafement of yours as no small part of the temporal reward of it. I look on it as a precious ointment to embalm me to my burial to be thus valued by Sir Joseph Williamson, and let it be the epitaph on my grave. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 86.*]

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- March 29. Dr. Ralph Cudworth to Williamson. I had long since have
Christ's congratulated your being so deservedly preferred, had I not been
College, about that time seized with a violent sickness, and afterward
Cambridge. detained under long weakness. Your former great civilities
encourage me to make this humble request, that, as I am certainly
informed the rectory of Nor[th]church in Hertfordshire is newly
become void by the death of the late incumbent, Dr. Wilford, the
presentation whereof belongs to his Majesty, you would present to
him the enclosed petition, and yourself further and promote the
same, I being otherwise unknown to him, though I once preached
before him at Lord Crofts' in Suffolk. I have no church dignity,
nor other living than the vicarage of Ashwell, which my Lord of
Canterbury, then of London, presented me to, but it is of small
advantage, so that I should easily quit it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
369, No. 87.]
- March 29. T. Aslaby to Williamson. We see daily ships both light and
Bridlington. loaden pass to and again. Wind much westerly. [*Ibid. No. 88.*]
- March 29. Edward Bodham to Williamson. To-day Lord Townshend and
Lynn. Sir R. Carr are here. The greatest affair here is about electing a
burgess. About 8 or 10 days ago it was thought Alderman Taylor
would carry it, but since it is at most hands thought Mr. Coke will
do so. [*Ibid. No. 89.*]
- March 29. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind W.S.W. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 90.]
- March 29. Francis Bellott to Williamson. This last week 14 or 15 sail
Pendennis. came in here, mostly small vessels from London for France, three
of them Dutchmen pretending to belong to Dover bound for France.
We have now a clean harbour, only two or three Dutchmen expect-
ing convoy. Wind these five days N.W., now S.W. [*Ibid. No. 91.*]
- March 29. Thomas Holden to Williamson. By a small vessel from Scilly I
Falmouth. hear that last Wednesday there came out with him from there above
100 English merchantmen, some bound home and some for France.
Wind N.W. The 26th the *Bell* of London came in here from
Rotterdam, which says that the Brandenburg has declared war
against the Swede, and that several capers are fitting out at Flush-
ing with Brandenburg's commission to take the Swedes. The 27th
the *Joseph* of London put to sea for Bilboa, with several other
vessels for France. The masters of the right English vessels say
that the English merchants and seamen would have a brave trade
if there were not so many alien ships made free, which much abates
the freight and seamen's wages, and it is the country's counsel that
it is better for our trade that the war continues, than that we should
mediate for a peace, except feignedly.
The 28th a great Dutch vessel put to sea, which came from Cadiz,
loaden with wines. It is supposed she is insured, or else she would
not have run the hazard without convoy. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]
- March 29. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]

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 March 29. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Last Wednesday the *Mary*
 Chester. yacht left Dublin for this port with a fair wind, having the Earls of
 Meath and Ardglass and many others of good note on board, but,
 by what unhappy accident we know not, she sank. She was about
 2 last Thursday morning on the north side of the Skerries, that lie
 eastward of Holyhead bay. A Welsh vessel saw her under water,
 but about 40 persons on the Skerries which is an island about a
 league from shore, some part of which is never overflowed.
 [Original and Copy. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, Nos. 94, 95.]
- March 29. Inland advices received that day, being extracts from letters all
 previously calendared. [*Ibid.* No. 96.]
- March 29. List of the printing-houses taken that day. J. Bill and C. Barker,
 his Majesty's printers in English, Roger Norton, his printer in
 Latin, Greek and Hebrew, Thomas Roycroft, his printer in the
 Oriental tongues. Richard Hodgkinson, Robert White, Evan Tyler,
 John Maycock, Thomas Newcomb, William Godbid, Andrew Clark,
 Thomas Ratcliff, James Cotterell, Thomas Milbourne, Henry
 Bridges, Edward Crouch, John Redmayne, John Streater, Henry
 Lloyd. Widows, Fleshier, Griffin, Symons, Maxwell, Purslow, in all
 23 houses.
 Printing-houses bought in by the Stationers' Company since
 1672 :—Edward Oakes, John Winter, Peter Lillicrap, all deceased.
 Printers set up since the Act was in force :—John Darby, William
 Rawlins, William Downing, Francis Kirkman, — Dawks, Matthew
 Drew, Josias Bennet, John Richardson, — Bowtell, Andrew Sole, a
 Quaker. [*Ibid.* No. 97.]
- March 29. Passport for Sir Thomas Longueville of Wolverton, Buckingham-
 Whitehall. shire, to travel beyond the seas with his wife, Mary, and his daughter,
 Margaret, for recovery of his health, provided that he do not frequent
 the company of any Jesuit, seminary priest or other disaffected
 person, and that he return on summons. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book*
14, f. 134.]
- March 29. On the petition of Andrew King praying a lease for 31 years after
 Whitehall. his lease in being of the office of clerk of the bills of the Customs,
 recommendation to the Lord Treasurer to give order for passing
 such a grant as is desired, and that he take care at the same
 time for the acquitting of the within mentioned debt due to the
 petitioner from his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 20.]
- March 29. Presentation of Joseph Sayers to the rectory of St. Mary's *alias*
 Northchurch, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, void by the death of
 Dr. Wilford. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 47, p. 5.]
- March 29. Warrant to the Lord Keeper to constitute Edward Peck one of the
 Whitehall. King's serjeants-at-law. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1,
 p. 51.]
- March 29. Warrant to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Steward, and the rest of
 the officers of the Board of Greencloth from 1 Oct. last, out of the

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present assignment for the Household, to pass, allow and pay all such sums as shall grow due to the several persons and purposes specified in a certain paper they will receive from the Master of the Horse, which has been signed and sent by the King, containing certain additions to the establishment for the stables. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 52.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting letters patent of 2 Feb., 1665-6, directing that 3,155*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, which the King was informed was due to Sir Paul Davys, deceased, late Principal Secretary of State, or so much thereof as should be found due, should be paid him out of the remaining 27,000*l.* of the 30,000*l.* which was by the Act of Explanation to be paid to the Crown in lieu of the lapsed money, or out of the moneys payable on account of the year's value, excepting the 50,000*l.* payable to the King thereout, and that an account should be stated of what remained due as aforesaid to the said Sir Paul, that on such account being stated it appeared that the whole of the said sum was due to him, and that the Duke of Ormonde, then Lord Lieutenant, issued his warrant dated 4 May, 1666, for payment thereof, but that notwithstanding he had received no part thereof, by reason that all the said moneys raised on account of the year's value had been otherwise disposed of, and the said sum of 30,000*l.* had not yet been assessed, and that by letters of 1 Feb. last (calendared in the last volume, p. 567) the King had directed the Lord Lieutenant to give order for assessing and levying the said 30,000*l.*, ordering him thereout to cause to be issued and paid to the executors, administrators or assigns of the said Sir Paul the said sum of 3,155*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, care being taken that on their receiving the same such *concordatums* or other warrants as they have for the same or any part thereof be given up. [*2½ pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 299.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Similar letter to the last, directing payment of 500*l.* out of the same fund to Caroll Bolton, he having received no benefit from letters of 19 July, 1663, which directed payment of that sum out of that fund, immediately after 9,000*l.* should have been satisfied to the Earl of Orrery out of that fund. [*Ibid. p. 301.*]

March 30.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Fair weather. Wind S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 98.*]

March 30.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Betwixt 3 and 4 yesterday afternoon arrived one of our packet-boats from the Brill. The master says that Mr. Paine of that place told him that the Prince of Orange was taken sick with the smallpox, that he had been let blood, and that they were come out very full.

About 11 last Sunday forenoon the *Pearl* came to anchor outside Landguard Fort. Wind southerly and weather fair. [*Ibid. No. 99.*]

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Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday evening arrived in the Downs the *Eagle* from Bantam. Pleasant weather, wind S. and by E. [*Ibid. No. 100.*]

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 March 30. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. Last night arrived the packet-boat from Calais with the mail and several English gentlemen, but they report no news. About 3 this afternoon arrived the packet-boat from Nieuport with the mail. The master reports that they talk of great preparations making to reinforce their garrisons, and that they fear the French will attack that place this summer. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 101.]
 Dover.
- March 30. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. The *Merlin* yacht and the *Wivenhoe* are both returned from convoying a ketch which carried over horses to France. [*Ibid.* No. 102.]
 Portsmouth.
- March 30. William Hurt to Williamson. Yesterday a Dutch merchant-man of Horn, of about 300 tons, which came from Cadiz with salt and 164 butts of wine, &c., being pursued by 4 French men-of-war made for the pier at Torbay to run his ship in there, but for want of water, it not being then half flood, she came aground within half a small pistol shot of the pier, and sent an end of a hawser ashore to fasten her. But the Frenchmen pursuing her, and one of the smallest getting somewhat near her, fired several guns at her, and the Dutchmen one at them, and, as soon as they had fired that one gun, they all left their ship, and the Frenchmen with their boats entered her and brought her off, and have her in possession. [*Ibid.* No. 103.]
 Dartmouth.
- March 30. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 104.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 1041.]
- March 30. Receipt by Sir Robert Southwell for papers received from Secretary Williamson's office relating to the dispatch for Surinam, being some of those mentioned in *S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1675-1676, p. 199, No. 501. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]
- March 30. Warrant appointing William Killegrew for his life surveyor-general of Jamaica, void by the forfeiture of ——— Burford. (Calendared in *S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1674-76, p. 197.) [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 14, f. 134.*]
 Whitehall.
- March 30. *Caveat* that no grant pass of the Rectory of Tempsford, co. Bedford, diocese of Lincoln, the King having promised the same a year ago to the Bishop of Lincoln. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 8.*]
 Whitehall.
- March 30. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of Sir Strafford Braithwait for a patent to keep a market every Thursday, and a fair every 15 April, 15 August and 15 December at Catterick, Yorkshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 20.*]
 Whitehall.
- March 30. The Duke of Lauderdale to the Earl of Rothes, Lord Chancellor of Scotland. Whilst the King was at Newmarket I received the Council's letter signed by you with one enclosed for his Majesty and with the petition of 18 of the outed Advocates, who submitted at the Council's bar, with some single petitions, all which I immediately dispatched to the King. Now upon his return I am commanded

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by him to signify his pleasure that you call an extraordinary Council against Thursday, 8 April, against which time he will declare his pleasure concerning that petition and another he has received here to-day from Sir George Lockhart, Sir John Cunningham and others. I shall receive his Majesty's particular directions, and not fail to dispatch them hence next Thursday. You need not call any of the Lords of the Council that are far from Edinburgh, for you can find enough near the town to make a sufficient *quorum* and the business will not be very extraordinary. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 225.*]

March 30. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, Mrs. Frances Lambert, formerly Mrs. Sanders of Bristol, where her services to the King in the usurpers' time are well known, who is now on her journey to Court to petition his Majesty once more. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 152.*]

March 31. Order in Council. On the petition of the Undertakers for erecting a fishery at Holy Island, showing that they have bought 4 doggers in Holland for carrying on the fishing trade, and have procured sufficient seamen for managing them, and praying that the said vessels may be made free, that Secretary Williamson prepare a warrant for the King's signature for naturalizing the same for the fishing trade, but for no other purpose whatsoever. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 106.*]

March 31. The Earl of Arlington to Williamson. I acknowledge two of yours of the 27th and 30th, with the accounts and extracts of all your news. This last of the Prince of Orange's sickness afflicts me much, and makes me remember with apprehension how fatal the same disease was to his father and the interests of his family. God protect and keep him. Wednesday night I shall be at Whitehall to receive your commands. [*Ibid. No. 107.*]

March 31. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 29th arrived the *Arms* of this place from St. Malo. The master says no fleet of war is fitting out for the season, other than some to guard the coast and for the security of their traders, that a great fleet is already gone for Newfoundland and the Bank on the fishery, and many more are making from that place and thereabouts, in all supposed to be 150 sail, many of them of 20 guns. They have their King's leave, but pay 60 *sols* per ton to him, and have measurers and receivers appointed for that purpose. Those merchants and people look on it as a hard imposition on them and grumble much. The *Mercy* of Bantry also arrived from Ireland. The master says the forces were drawn northward on some occasion, and that the Governor was well. [*Ibid. No. 108.*]

March 31. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. That the *Mary* yacht is certainly ship-wrecked I have from the mouths of two gentlemen that escaped, who relate thus. About 2 last Thursday morning, foggy weather, the ship touched on a rock N.W. of the Skerries that lie to the eastward of Holyhead Bay. The seamen and passengers were for the most part snug under decks. The first touch roused the seamen, who cried, all was well, but immediately the ship struck on another rock and stuck there. The Skerries is a

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small isle, an appendage to Anglesea, about a league from shore. The rock on which the ship struck was so near land that, when the sea made her roll, the mast touched land, by which only means those whose lives were preserved escaped. The Earl of Meath and about 34 more perished, whereof were Capt. Burstow, the boatswain, and two more sailors. The master and 23 mariners and 15 passengers got on the isle and so were preserved. Among the 15 were the Earl of Ardglass, and Lord Ardee, son and heir to the Earl of Meath, and now his father's successor. It was noon on Thursday before the mast gave way. The captain to save the Earl of Meath and the rest lost himself. The preserved were on the isle from Thursday morning till Saturday afternoon, and had relief by a flask of gunpowder by which they struck fire with a steel and of the wrecked boards of the ship made a fire, where they roasted some mutton, but had no bread nor any liquor but salt water, till a runlet of usquebaugh was cast ashore, which they divided proportionably among them. A Wicklow vessel from Beaumaris went as near the isle as she durst, and took in the 15 passengers and 24 seamen and landed them last Sunday at Beaumaris.

Sir Gilbert Talbot went hence yesterday towards London. This day sennight Sir G. Shakerley and Mr. Cholmondeley purpose to go hence to be in London the Saturday following. [*Original and copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, Nos. 109, 110.*]

March 31. Warrant to the Principal Commissioners of Prizes to put in execution the privy seal of 27 Feb. last, to Richard Mountenay, receiver-general of prize-money, authorizing him to pay to James Bridgeman 511*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*, the proceeds of the ship lately adjudged prize by the Commissioners of Appeals, as Mountenay cannot dispose of prize-money without their order. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 192.*]

March 31. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. I was so much troubled by the news that came yesterday from the Hague of your having the smallpox, that, though it gave an account of their coming out well and of your being in as good a condition as could be expected, yet I could not hinder myself from sending the bearer, Ashton, to assure you of it and to know how you do, and I shall be in very great pain, till I hear of your being quite out of danger. *Holograph.* [*S.P. Dom., King William's Chest 3, No. 7.*]

March 31. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting the letter of 1 Feb. last (calendared in the last volume, *p.* 567) which ordered the assessment and levying of the 30,000*l.*, directing him for the better securing to the Earl of Orrery the 9,000*l.* granted him by the letters of 3 June last, to give effectual orders to all persons concerned in levying the said 30,000*l.* to pay in the same at the end of every 3 months to the receivers appointed by the Act of Explanation, who are forthwith to pay the same into the receipt of the Exchequer, and also to give orders that all such moneys be paid from time to time to the said Earl or his assigns till he or they be fully satisfied the said sum of 9,000*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 308.*]

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Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

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111	March 1	3	3	0	N.W.	
112	" 2	3	10	0	E.	
113	" 3	3	10	0	N.W.	
114	" 4	3	0	4	N.W.	
115	" 5	2	2	0	E.	
116	" 7	4	2	0	N.E.	
117	" 8	2	2	0	N.E.	
118	" 9	3	2	0	N.E.	
119	" 10	2	3	0	N.E.	
120	" 11	3	3	0	N.E.	
121	" 12	3	5	0	E.	
122	" 13	3	7	0	E.	
123	" 14	3	2	0	S.E.	
124	" 15	3	2	0	E.	
125	" 16	3	2	0	N.E.	
126	" 19	3	2	0	E.	
127	" 20	3	2	0	E.	
128	" 21	3	2	0	N.E.	
129	" 22	3	2	0	N.E.	
130	" 23	3	8	0	N.W.	
131	" 24	3	7	0	S.W.*	
132	" 25	3	8	0	W.	(Several other ships home-ward bound stopped not.
133	" 26	2	26	4	W.	
134	" 27	2	27	0	S.W.	
135	" 28	2	31	2	N.W.	
136	" 29	2	32	13	S.W.	
137	" 30	2	29	5	S.W.	
138	" 31	2	29	0	S.W.	

April 1. Edward Cranfield to Williamson. This morning I arrived in the Downs, and finding all our ships in a seafaring posture, when an easterly wind presents, I hope you will send to Mr. Peapes (Pepys) that Simon Orton be forthwith commanded down, if he goes the voyage, and that copies of the sailing orders be sent me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 139.*]

April 1. Certificate by Sir William Peake that Peter Bart, of St. Botolph Aldgate, mariner, took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid. No. 140.*]

April 1. Samuel Hodgkin to Williamson. These two or three days several light and laden colliers have passed by this. Lord Lumley with several gentlemen has been here to view this harbour in order

* Misdated 27 March, but the postmark is 25 March.

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to make it deeper at the entrance and safer for vessels of draught. What the design may produce time will demonstrate. Wind and weather various. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 141.]

April 1. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news. Wind very various yesterday, this morning N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 142.]
Harwich.

April 1. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W.S.W. No news.
Portsmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 143.]

April 1. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind W. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 144.]

April 1. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Last Sunday put to sea the
Falmouth. *Welcome*, of Hull, and with her the *Post*, of Amsterdam, a great Dutch vessel with wines from Cadiz. Wind N.W. This vessel put back here again Monday, and reports that in his sight there came up with this Dutchman two men-of-war, and they saw them fire some guns, so they believe they were taken. [*Ibid.* No. 145.]

April 1. Bill of John Thompson for curtains, &c., amounting to 4*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*
[*Ibid.* No. 146.]

April 1. *Caveat* that nothing pass of the grant of the place of Under-
housekeeper of Audley End without notice to the Earl of Suffolk.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, p. 8.]

April 1. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. We have received
Whitehall. yours of 12 March enclosing a petition presented to you by 18 of the outed advocates, concluding with a submission to our justice and clemency, with three separate petitions from three other advocates. The enclosed petition has been presented to us here, signed by Sir George Lockhart, Sir John Cunningham, George Bannerman and Hugh Wallace for themselves and others of the outed advocates, also submitting to our justice and goodness. We authorize and require you to continue the process against them for signing the address lately presented by them to the first Council day in June, when we will signify our further pleasure. In the meantime we authorize and require you to take off as to those that submitted, and the three who petitioned separately, and Thomas Lermont who petitioned before, the restraint on them from going to Edinburgh, but the advocates mentioned in the petition presented here, who have not yet signed it, if they refuse to do so, shall not have the benefit of the admission to Edinburgh. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 226.]

April 1. Warrant for a letter of remission pardoning James Eliot in
Whitehall. Jedburgh Forest who has been sentenced to death for stealing two sheep. [*Docquet. Ibid.* p. 228.]

April 1. Memorials of protection to William Dykes, sometime of Johnstoun,
Whitehall. for two, and to James Wood for three years. [*Ibid.* p. 229.]

April 2. Silas Taylor to Williamson. I received your commands this
Midnight, evening, and understanding at about 11 that one of the packet-
Harwich. boats was coming in, I went to inform myself of what you desired, and received this account from two gentlemen that were at the

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Hague last Tuesday. The Prince of Orange was out of danger of the smallpox by the report of all, and had none to attend him during his sickness but only his Excellency Temple, his lady and sister, with the Duchess of Simmern, without so much as a Dutch page. This they tell me confidently and it certainly was reported to them at the Hague. Your orders being pressing, I thought it most of all to answer my obligation to send this by express. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 147.*]

April 2.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Here is advice that 3 or 4 days since, three French men-of-war being in Torbay, a Dutch merchant ship of 16 guns came in there. To escape the men-of-war she ran into a dry pier there, after which the French sent in their boats and fetched her off. [*Ibid. No. 148.*]

Enclosed,

The said list. [Ibid. No. 148 r.]

April 2.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Having considered in Council your letter of 23 Jan. to Secretary Coventry representing some difficulties in complying with the directions formerly sent for renewing the charters of corporations, whereby you were required to take a surrender of all old charters before granting any new ones, and to reassume the benefit of fines, issues and amercements granted to divers corporations by former charters, we hereby direct that, as it appears that the corporations are unwilling to surrender their old charters because they contain several testimonies of the loyalty and services of their predecessors, and that they apprehend such a surrender may be attended with lawsuits and other inconveniencies, you and the Council, where you find any privilege or franchise heretofore granted unreasonable, and unfit to be continued, oblige such corporations by an instrument under their common seal to surrender and release only such privileges, which surrender or resignation is to be enrolled in Chancery and to be mentioned in the new charter to be granted for the confirmation of their remaining privileges, and concerning the reassuming of the benefit of fines, &c., though we much desired the former directions might have been pursued, yet as the City of Cork and a few other trading towns in Ireland would thereby lose the whole income of their corporation, we leave that to the judgment and discretion of you and the Council to allow or disallow that privilege to such towns as you think fit, and we further authorize you and the Council to grant to such corporations whose trade has considerably increased since their old charters, as the corporation of Belfast, such new and additional privileges as you shall judge most advantageous to their trade, and in all other particulars our pleasure is that you observe and pursue the directions heretofore sent of 17 Aug., 1670, 16 Aug., 1671, and 26 Sept., 1673. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 304.*]

April 2.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing that in renewing the charter of Kinsale a proviso should be inserted in favour of Robert Southwell, confirming the indenture of 24 April, 1668, by which a grant was made to him in fee-farm at the rent therein mentioned of a certain parcel of land known as the Common Hill or

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Drowmderrig, on which he has erected a large plantation of houses, wharves and quays to the improvement of the harbour, the conveniency of trade and the augmentation of the inhabitants. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 306.*]

April 3. Certificate by Sir John Frederick that Martin Bruer took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 149.*]

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Tixall, near
Stafford.

Walter, Lord Aston, to Williamson. If you shall please in memory of Lady Anderson, my near relation and most true friend, to read this, and, as far as it is reasonable, to procure his Majesty to grant what I humbly beg,—but, if I desire any thing not fitting, on your advising me so, I shall acknowledge as an equal favour your denying it as your procuring it. By Jerome, Earl of Portland, I was first known to Lord Chancellor Clarendon. After his going away, on many occasions I had the honour by you to be introduced to Lord Arlington, both of whom I found my very obliging patrons, and so much my friends as to pardon my indiscretions and impertinences. Will your Honour now do the like, for I have not the vanity that I can by any service deserve the least of your favours?

The judges, according to his Majesty's late orders, pressed their instructions so effectually that they have not, I believe, left any one man unindicted, nay, it falling into a grand jury's hands, and many of them, I have too many reasons to believe, not faithful subjects to his Majesty or his father, nor cordial to monarchy nor to the Church of England, they, having taken advantage of the word "Suspected Papists," have presented some that have been absent from England six months and are so still, and they have likewise indicted me, though some eminent justices, my neighbours, assured them I was no such man, nor had they any sufficient ground to suspect me, and I was not by any one on oath or otherwise presented to be such, and, where others urged in my behalf that, when his Majesty granted the late Indulgence, I never declared myself, nor acted nor joined with any particular way of worship, I never went to Mass, I never was present nor joined in any worship particular to the Church of Rome, nor never went to nor was present at any conventicle or meetings of Presbyterians or Fanatics, or any other particular way of worship, but some of them said they had never seen me at church, and they were sure I had been colonel in the late wars and a commissioner for the king in his garrison at Lichfield, and therefore they might well suspect me to be a Papist, so they have made me what I could never find in myself, and for my loyalty to my king (though they know well enough I shall clear myself) they satisfy their malice to put me to trouble and charges, or at least give me an ill name, which they intend to fix on many others, and which they express as near treason as they dare venture, for some have already made a division between the Church of England men and Protestants, calling the cavaliers Church of England men and episcopal ordained ministers, but classical ministers and other fanatics, Protestants. Lord Conway sent my father this instruction, "You will find it happily now urged by some ministers of State where you are that the penal statutes, too severe against

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Roman Recusants, might be abolished. Give this answer; they were made when reason of state required it. It is a bow strung, bended and an arrow put into it, but none could shoot but his Majesty." The times then required that severity concerning the then Papists. Mariana, Bellarmin and others had then written wicked pernicious doctrine, exalting the Pope's monarchy and lesseining kings, but, now these wicked opinions are condemned as they ought, burnt in many places and laid aside by all good men, must they now be shot against such that have not only verbatimly abhorred them, but have, by venturing their lives and all they had in the late rebellious wars, like good subjects, made manifest to all men their actions and professions went together? Must they now be shot against them and by such as have taken up the opinions and follow the doctrine of Calvin and Knox, who not only rebelliously treat every king in their way, but even monarchy itself? It was dangerous and wicked when in the Pope, but much more when it is brought home and placed in the multitude. How can any prince be safe, or any government steady where these principles are too much embraced? Pray God, I may never see them practised by many of these too violent persecutors here, who, where they go once to church, go five times to conventicles, are unwilling to maintain or countenance their duly ordained ministers, but are forward enough to classical ministers or gifted men, nor do they renounce the Covenant, or that ever to be condemned opinion and practice of taking up arms, let the pretence be never so specious, against their lawful king, God's anointed and his vice-gerent over us, whose command solely and no other authority whatsoever is of duty to be obeyed, nor can I to my satisfaction pay it to anyone else, for, whenever his Majesty shall command, I believe God speaks to me, when otherwise, it is man. Counsellors are good note-books, but the King is God's vice-gerent. My father and I have spent in his service and in his father's and grandfather's above 5,000*l.* a year in land, and there is yet due to me of what his late Majesty intended my father 7,000*l.* I have often ventured my life and all that was dear to me in expressing my loyalty. I have under his late Majesty's hand these words, "Lord Aston, the greatest of my misfortunes is that I cannot reward so gallant and loyal a subject as you are, as I would and ought."

All these particulars and many more considered, I, being now past 67, beg that his Majesty, rather than that I should be left in the hands and power of these men, would give me his licence to remove myself and family and to sell my estate to pay a great debt, and that I may carry the remainder with me, that I may not in a strange land be forced to live on charity. I can bend my knee to none on earth but the King, and I have that pride not to bear with patience abiding in a country where my family has been eminent twenty descents, and bore always places of trust under their kings, now to be trampled on and falsely accused by such as, till their fighting against the King and buying the estates of his loyal subjects, were not the least known. If his Majesty will grant me this request, I will between this and Michaelmas dispose of myself to depart. If I have desired anything not fitting, or if his Majesty will not grant it, if you will honour me with but one line,

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it shall be obeyed by me with all submissive obedience to his Majesty.

The bearer, my kinsman and friend, knows nothing of my suit herein, nor any of the contents of this, nor anyone else. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 150.*]

April 3.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. I have nothing more since my last by express. I know not whether what I did will be excused, the news being received only from strangers though Englishmen. I have to add this as a seeming probable deduction. The master of the packet-boat tells me there is no discourse at the Brill of any sort, which may intimate that it is not amiss with the Prince, for ill news would run wonderfully swift in Holland. The wind is easterly; if it continues so till this time to-morrow, we may very probably have another packet-boat. [*Ibid. No. 151.*]

April 3.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Your three packets received. Here were two ships on the list bound for Algiers and so cleared at the Custom House, but the masters say they were bound for Barbary, so the packets for Algiers and Tripoli are in my hands. The master would give me no receipt for that for Barbados. The wind being fair, I delivered it before witnesses to John Lingham, a Barbados merchant, who promises to deliver it safely, but would give no discharge for it. That and all the other ships sailed this noon with a fresh gale at N.E. One Capt. Andrews is coming down bound for Algiers. I shall send that packet by him when he comes if not commanded the contrary, and that for Tripoli as soon as any ship comes in. [*Ibid. No. 152.*]

April 3.
Whitehall.

The King to [the Corporation of Newport, Isle of Wight.] At their request appointing Giles Eyre as their Recorder, according to the provisions of their lately granted charter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 14, p. 185.*]

April 4.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. The *Guernsey* is at Spithead waiting for Lord Inchiquin, the *Adventure* is also victualled and will be ready in a short time to sail. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 153.*]

April 4.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. I have no list of ships, and there is no news. [*Ibid. No. 154.*]

April 5.

Robert Brady to Williamson. I think without arrogance that I may deserve as much encouragement in the affair wherein I begged your favour as some undertakers have had in such things, as being more serviceable to his Majesty and more tending to the right information of the people. I hope my loyalty cannot be suspected. The Crown never did nor can receive injury from a complete impartial history, written without reflections on persons or things. Some brave men and such as have done it and their country eminent service have perished by fragments and partial story (picked out of mouldy parchments and obscure authors which perhaps they never knew of), improved by the artifice of cunning abettors of popular envy, malice, fury or mistake. The task is great and difficult, yet, if I perform it not to the general satisfaction of judicious men, let me be marked as an idle silly undertaker.

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Were I able to accomplish it myself, I should not so far importune you. Your assistance in this will, I hope, neither lessen your honour nor blast your reputation. If you think fit to let me receive your commands by the meanest of your servants, he will hear of me at Mrs. Brace's, next door to the Crown Inn, Holborn. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 155.]

April 5. Edward Cranfield to Williamson. Last night Capt. Orton came
The *America*. to Deal, but the vessel which brought him and his things could get no further than Sandwich haven, because the wind took her short. I have dispatched a boat to bring his things on board. In the meanwhile the ships are unmooring and preparing to sail, therefore expect to hear no more from me in this place. [*Ibid.* No. 156.]

April 5. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Seventeen small light vessels are at
Bridlington. anchor in this bay, waiting a fair wind for the northward, the wind being now N.N.W. Our conventiclers have their constant meetings as formerly. [*Ibid.* No. 157.]

April 5. Richard Bower to Williamson. Last week at our sessions a
Yarmouth. Nonconformist that was formerly convicted for being at the meeting and fined 5*l.* appealed, alleging he was not there, but for want of his appealing in due time after a distress taken he was forced to pay treble costs. They have hitherto performed their promise to our bailiffs in forbearing meeting. All their hopes now are in the Parliament, from whom to support their faction they promise themselves great matters, now they say there is no trust in princes. Here are great endeavours to make Sir Robert Kempe knight for this county, Lord Townshend and Sir John Hobart who was here making their interest for him, but the people are more inclined to Sir Knevett Catlin, saying they will not always be imposed upon. The clergy in general are for anybody but Sir R. Kempe, he giving out, as it is reported, that he feared none but the drunken clergy. [*Ibid.* No. 158.]

April 5. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last week came in eight or nine
Pendennis. small vessels, a Scotchman from Bordeaux with wines and brandies for Amsterdam, one from Ostend belonging to Cork bound home, who tells me there are many privateers, but few prizes. Here continue the two Dutchmen expecting convoy, and a Frenchman bound for the Bank who lost his company and some time since came in here, and now fears to proceed. [*Ibid.* No. 159.]

April 5. Memorandum that the Duke of Albemarle, about the beginning
of January last, signified to Mr. Secretary that he had moved the King in behalf of William Hoare for the next prebend of Worcester and that the King promised the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, p. 8.]

April 5. Pass for Mr. Dongan, going to the ambassador at Paris, to
Whitehall. transport himself to France with two servants and four horses. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 55.]

April 6. The information of John White, taken before Secretary William-
son. An unknown person, whom he thinks a solicitor, coming to see Mr. Witham, a prisoner in the Fleet, about some particular

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business, and Mr. Witham's wife and he falling out, he called her a whore, whereupon she said he was a pitiful rogue, and that not long since his father held up his hand at the bar for picking a pocket. The solicitor answered in great passion, "Hang you, you Papist dog, I can hang you for the letter I read tother day sent you out of the country concerning the great plot designed against the Parliament, of which you advertised your cousins and desired them to absent themselves." About the same time the informant went to Mr. Witham, as he was walking alone in the cellar in the Fleet, and repeated what he had heard the solicitor say. Mr. Witham told him he knew nothing of it, but, having asked his wife what the letter she lately received from his or her mother contained, she said, it was to advise her relations not to be present at the Parliament, when the plot was intended to be put in execution. The informant further says that she afterwards confessed to him and her husband that her relations in the country could not rest in their beds till they had sent them word. This passed between 9 and 10 last night. This morning the informant acquainted his father with it, by whom he was brought to Col. Gray to make discovery of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 160.*]

April 6. The examination of Henry Witham taken before the same. Being asked concerning a letter speaking of an intended plot, he answered he saw none such, but that one Rock last night in the open hall of the Fleet said he had seen such a letter written by the examinant's wife's mother to her, advising her, if her husband had any friends in the Parliament, to give them notice to have a care of themselves or something to that purpose. That Rock had seen this letter in the examinant's house in Whitecross Street in part of Sir Reginald Forster's house and that he was sorry he had not taken it up. Rock threatened the examinant to bring him into trouble about the letter. The examinant questioning his wife about the letter, she confessed having received several letters, but he could not remember that she owned the substance of any of them to be to the said effect, and particularly she did not say that her relations in the country could not rest in their beds till they had given her this information. He knows not where Rock lodges, but his wife does, and she was not in the way when the warrant was served on him. Rock indeed said that the examinant's wife's relations in the country could not rest in their beds till they had given this notice. [*Ibid. No. 161.*]

April 6. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind N.E. [*Ibid. Stockton. No. 162.*]

April 6. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 163.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 163 r.*]

April 6. Warrant to the Warden of the Fleet from Sir J. Williamson to bring before him Mr. Witham, a prisoner there, and his wife. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 54.*]

April 6. Warrant to William Smith, messenger, from Sir J. Williamson to take into custody the wife of Henry Wytham, prisoner in the Fleet, and to bring her before him. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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 April 6. Warrant to the same from Sir J. Williamson to search for
 Whitehall. [Thomas] Rock and to bring him before him. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 54.*]
- April 6. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. This morning Capt. London in
 Kinsale. the *Norwich* brought in here a Dutch vessel laden with several rich goods, which Mr. Fox of this country ran away with, out of what place I know not. This Fox killed the master and two men and heaved a boy overboard, and he is run away with all his confederates before the frigate could come to them in the river of Waterford. The prize was a galliot hoy laden at Amsterdam and bound to France. Here are two of the French King's ships, as I formerly advised, to take in soldiers. The Lord Lieutenant has given orders that none be transported, but the said ships are gone out of command of our fort, and take in men contrary to orders. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 153.*]
- April 7. The examination of Elizabeth Wytham taken before Secretary Williamson. Asked what the letter was, concerning which is this question, she acknowledged it. The substance of it was to desire her to acquaint her friends in Parliament to have a care of themselves from the Catholics, as they were numerous in the country. She denied her mother mentioned any design or plot that she knew of, or any threatenings given out by the Catholics, but what she there wrote, she says, was of her own head. She received this letter about 9 weeks since, and knows not where it is now, not having seen it since. Rock saw this letter two days before she saw it. Rock is a soldier in Capt. Eaton's company and formerly lived in George Yard, Westminster, by profession a cobbler. Rock's sister lives at the Bottle of Hay near Islington. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 164.*]
- April 7. Colonel T. Blood to Williamson. I send according to your command the enclosed petition and the name and circumstances of the person for whom a pardon is asked, viz., Capt. Humphrey Spurway, late of Tiverton. He was one of the absconded persons I took charge of to reduce or disperse, who chose to remove to a remote plantation, being persuaded thereto that he might be incapable of endeavouring to promote sedition or disturbances to the government. His crimes were the same with the common drove of those his Majesty pardoned at my coming out of the Tower, and no other. He is employed by Nelthrop and other merchants in a remote plantation, where he resolves to settle and never to return, but become a loyal subject, if he may be delivered from his fears by a pardon. I suppose his merchants will engage for him, if there be any occasion. [*Ibid. No. 165.*]
- April 7. Richard Bower to Williamson. I had only time to copy the
 Yarmouth. enclosed, before the post was ready to go. [*Ibid. No. 166.*]
- April 7. The King to [the Governors of the Charter-house.] Directing
 Whitehall. them to admit Captain John Marshall to a pensioner's place in Sutton's Hospital, upon the first vacancy after those who have already obtained letters, he having behaved courageously in the war with the Dutch in which he commanded a fireship in the engagement

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of May, 1673, and having in a second engagement received wounds whereby he has lost the use of his hands, and being 62 years of age and destitute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 14, p. 136.*]

April 7. Commissions to Francis Hawley to be second lieutenant to Capt. Hudson; to Mr. Elletson to be lieutenant to Capt. Trapps, and to — Chettwin to be ensign to Capt. Langley. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 22.*]

[April ?] John Gedde, William Galte and Samuel Nowell to the King. Petition praying a patent for their invention of such commodious hives and houses for the improvement of bees as shall free the owners from charge and trouble and the bees from the inconveniencies of swarming and many other casualties that attend them. *At the foot,*

April 8. *Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. On the back,*
Whitehall. *His report in favour of the petitioners.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
369, No. 167.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 20.*]

April 8. Dr. John Wallis to Williamson. I have conferred with the Vice-Chancellor and others concerning what was lately intimated, but find none of them of opinion for taking a new charter in the present case, fearing it may be of very ill consequence to waive the validity of King Charles' charter, which on many other accounts we are concerned to maintain. Both Universities had in 1664 jointly asserted their right on their present charters and the proviso for salving their privileges, and satisfied the then Commissioners of the Duke of York concerning the justness of their pretensions, and did not expect now after ten years their rights should be invaded by actually setting up a tavern amongst us, without so much as hearing us. It is expressly contrary to the opinion of the then Attorney-General (Sir F. North) of 24 April, 1674, to the Lord Treasurer, viz., that the University should then first be heard before the tavern should be set up, and we are very confident it was neither his Majesty's nor the Lord Treasurer's pleasure to give us this trouble, but fear it proceeded from somebody else that was more desirous of doing the University ill offices than of promoting his Majesty's service, that so much haste was used as first to set it up and dispute it afterwards, whereby we are obliged to make our legal defence, which, had we been first heard, might have been prevented. However, we hope we shall not incur blame in the just defence of those rights which the prudence of princes hitherto has thought absolutely necessary to the discipline and good government of the University. The vintner himself, I am assured, has long since signified to the Commissioners that he is willing to relinquish his licence, if he may have his bonds delivered up to him, and those of the Commissioners I have spoken with seem not averse from it, and I hope the Lord Treasurer, by what was said at the last hearing, is satisfied of the justice of our cause, so I do not see there is any necessity of giving us further trouble. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 168.*]

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Trelanne.

Sir Jonathan Trelawney to Williamson. Thanking him for his letter. My corporation of Looe joins me in presenting our humble thanks, and assures you that, in case of a new election, they will be ready to serve you and beg the continuance of your favour. As soon as I have delivered the keys of government to my son I intend to wait on you, if the session continues, otherwise I can better serve you here than there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 169.]

April 8.
Torbay.

[Edward Cranfield] to Williamson. As soon as Mr. Orton arrived at the Downs we set sail about 8 last Tuesday night, wind N.N.E. and N.E. and N. At 5 on Thursday afternoon, being on a leeward tide, we were forced to cast anchor here, the wind coming S.W. and by S. Our ships are in good condition and we shall make the best of our way, as soon as wind and weather permit. [*Ibid.* No. 170.]

April 8.
Harwich.

Capt. Thomas Langley to Williamson. This came by the master of the packet-boat that arrived just now, but was a little wet when it came to my hand. The Prince of Orange, I am informed, is well recovered. There is little news at this port, only the ship that was taken up at sea laden with Scotch coal and a ship of Flushing bound for Surinam who lost his convoy. [*Ibid.* No. 171.]

April 8.
Past 3 p.m.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. News of the Prince of Orange as in the last letter. [*Ibid.* No. 172.]

April 7 & 8.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yours of the 5th received this morning. The master that denied to give under his hand was Farre, a Scot, bound for Barbados, and so on a trading voyage. He had a flyboat of about 80 tons. But the vessel that carried it was a pink, the *Adventure*, bound to Barbados only; the master was on board and the ship away, only staying for a merchant, John Lingham, an inhabitant of that island, who was then going on board. I delivered it before two sufficient witnesses, and he immediately went on board and the ship sailed.

Farre, the master that denied giving a receipt, was never here before, and is supposed to be a counter skipper, that is a master in England and his Majesty's islands and a mate at sea, so we know not his owners, where he belongs to, or who his freighters are. The owners and freighters we rarely know. I had not time to go to more than him that refused, and him that carried, for the wind was fair, and in two hours all was under sail. Commanders are always unwilling to give receipts for packets. I desire to know if I shall send them without receipts, if I can get none.

Postscript. 8 April.—Yesterday, while I was writing, the *Katharine* of London came into the Downs. The commander told me he had no time to speak with me, for he was very full of business, for he was to stay but two hours, and he had several accounts to make up. Then I desired Mr. John Ashley, the supercargo, to take the packet for Algiers. He said he was not bound to Algiers, but to Malta, on purpose, because he would not take the packet. I hear they also go to Leghorn, from which your packet to Tripoli might be easily sent. The captain's wife, the ship's chirurgeon, and

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several others say Algiers is the first port they touch at. Hobson and Fenner of London, merchants, are his employers, and John Andrews commander. If Andrews had time to speak to me, he would carry it, for I know him well. The Algiers and Tripoli packets I have here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 173.]

April 8. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and
Dover. departures of mails. By a vessel from Ostend we hear that the Swedes taken by the Duke of Brandenburg's commissions and carried into Zealand are all condemned as good prizes. The wind continues N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 174.]

April 8. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Richard Rooth is come to
Portsmouth. command the *Adventure* and to carry for Tangier the Governor, Lord Inchiquin. The *Guernsey* rides at Spithead, which likewise attends the said lord in his passage. [*Ibid.* No. 175.]

April 8. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind southerly. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 176.]

April 8. The Duke of Monmouth to M. de Louvois. I believed I ought
Whitehall. not to trouble you further on the subject of M. Staniers, but, having received his Majesty's orders, I only thought of obeying them, when the Major himself came to England to represent to his Majesty his grief at seeing himself removed from his employment after so many years' service in France, and that being turned out of his post affected not only his honour but his fortune, since he had never learned any employment but that of a soldier, so that the King had compassion on him and ordered me to write to you in his favour, that, if he had not committed any unpardonable fault, and it was still possible to make use of him, you would kindly let me know if his Majesty would not allow me to send him back to the regiment as lieut.-colonel, putting a colonel over him and some one else to be major in his place. M. Lockhart has sent me the state of the half-pay, but there must be some mistake in it, for it has been made only according to the review of the regiment on their going into winter quarters, when they amounted to only 1,400 men, instead of which it appears to me that the reckoning ought to be made according to the reviews of the campaign, without which the officers would lose what has been furnished to the soldiers who are dead or have been killed in the service.

M. Lanier makes me hope my regiment of horse will re-establish itself, if you will have the kindness to assist them a little in their claims, as I beg you to do. [*French. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 28.*]

April 8. Grant of a baronetcy of England to Sir Richard Tulip of
Whitehall. Amsterdam, and to the heirs male of his body. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 56.*]

April 8. The Duke of Lauderdale to the Provost, Dean of Guild, and
Whitehall. Bailies of St Andrews. Expressing his Majesty's satisfaction at their disclaimer of the concurrence of their Commissioner to the Convention of Burrowes at Edinburgh last August in the insolent letter to his Majesty, and adding that, on the dutiful expressions of

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their loyalty and zeal for his service, there does not remain with him any bad impression of them. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 229.*]

April 9.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing particulars of a ship arrived. Sir Bernard de Gomme, his Majesty's engineer, is come from London in reference to the fortifications here since Monday last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 177.*] *Enclosed,*

The said particulars. [*Ibid. No. 177 i.*]

April 9.

Warrant for the royal assent to the election of Dr. William Lloyd, chaplain to the King, to the bishopric of Llandaff, in place of Dr. Francis Davies. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 65.*]

April 9.
Whitehall.

Patent for 14 years to John Gedde, William Galte, and Samuel Nowell of their new invention of such commodious hives for the improvement of bees, as shall free the owners from charge and trouble, and the bees from the inconveniencies of swarming and many other casualties that attend them. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 55.*]

April 9.
Whitehall.

Pardon to Capt. Humphrey Spurway, late of Tiverton, of all treasons and felonies and of all indictments, penalties, &c., by reason thereof. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

April 9.

Licence to Richard Walmsley with his wife and two daughters and their servants and 30*l.* in money to travel for his health, with the clause of not resorting to any Popish convent or frequenting the company of Jesuits, &c. Minute. [*Precedents 1, f. 58.*]

April 10.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday proving very clear, though the wind varied between E. and S., several light ships sailed and we discovered a great fleet of light colliers at sea bound North.

I intended to have sent the enclosed on Thursday with the Dutch mail, but was prevented by the over officious haste of some here.

A small smack came in here to-day. The master and vessel are said to be English, but the captain French with a French commission, who has hired her. Here is also a Flushing ship bound for Surinam on whose motion this smack is said to wait, but by what I hear may wait till he wants bread, for the Flushing is resolved not to stir with hazard. Wind westerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 178.*]

April 10.
Dover.

Francis Bastinck to Williamson. About the arrivals and departures of mails. [*Ibid. No. 179.*]

April 10.

Commission for Mr. Jephson to be ensign to Capt. Butler, in case FitzMaurice, his lieutenant, were dead, as was believed. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 22.*]

April 10.

The Duke of Monmouth to the Lord Lieutenant. I wrote to you not long since in behalf of Mr. Fielding, on his information that a lieutenant's place was vacant by Mr. Monck's absence in Holland. But, having since seen Mr. Monck here, I understand that he is absent by your leave, and upon your pass, and that he never so slighted his employment as to give the occasion to such a report,

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which I think myself obliged to acquaint you with, as well to prevent an injury I might have done to a gentleman through a surprise, as to let you know how little desirous I am that any should obtain their ends by misinformations and false suggestions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 26.*]

April 10. Certificate for Capt. Hudson's 12 horses to pass custom free at Calais, and another that they were a present to Sir W. Lockhart. Minutes. [*Ibid. p. 27.*]

April 11. The examination of Thomas Rock, a soldier in Captain Eaton's company, taken before Secretary Williamson. Asked about the letter to Mrs. Wytham, he says he saw such a letter, but did not know whether it came from her father or mother. At the close were words to this effect:—Pray speak to your husband that he shall speak to his cousins belonging to the Parliament to have a care of the Papists, for they owe them a grudge, because they have not their liberty. He saw this letter about the beginning of March at Wytham's lodgings at Sir Reginald Foster's in Whitecross Street. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 180.*]

April 11. Dr. Randall Sanderson to Williamson. Apologizing for his delay in testifying his obligations for kindnesses, and informing him that he is sending him two fitches weighing with the sack 112*lbs.*, carriage paid, by the Andover carrier to the Saracen's Head, Snowhill. [*Ibid. No. 181.*]

April 12. Edward Bodham to Williamson. Yesterday there being a private meeting of about 40 of the Presbyterian gang, they were discovered by the curate and some officers of St. Margaret's parish here. On their discovery some escaped, but enough were taken notice of to make satisfaction for the rest. They will be prosecuted according to law.

To-day came hither Mr. Robert Coke of Holkham, being met two miles out of the town by above 200 freemen. He is like to carry the burgess-ship of this place from Alderman Taylor. To-day two small Danish vessels arrived from Norway in 14 days. They do not fear any rupture with the Swede, hoping to hold a good correspondence with all others. [*Ibid. No. 182.*]

April 12. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats coming in about noon to-day I was informed by the master that the Prince was at church yesterday sennight, and that he is in perfect health. [*Ibid. No. 183.*]

April 12. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind W. [*Ibid. No. 184.*]

April 12. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Wind N. [*Ibid. No. 185.*]

April 12. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 8th there put in here a small Dutch vessel in 4 days from Flushing, bound for the Groyne. The common report there is that there will be speedily a general peace. The 11th came the *Hester* of Neath from Rochelle, laden with salt and wine. She has been a month at sea, and met several

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times four Ostend capers, which have taken from them seven half-hogsheads of wine and one of brandy, with all the master's and men's clothes, so that they have not wherewith to shift themselves. Our small vessels in the west are afraid to cross the seas, for, if they meet with any of them, they lose more than they can get by their voyage. This ship and others say they have showed their seabrief, yet to no purpose; they have no respect to it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, *No.* 186.]

April 12. Thomas Holden to James Hikes. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* *No.* 187.]

April 12. Warrant for a privy seal granting to William Noyes 100*l.* levied
Whitehall. by the sheriff of Middlesex on several houses in Covent Garden, belonging to John Higden, who was outlawed on a plea of debt due to the said Noyes, and his lands seized into the King's hands. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 193.]

April 12. The Duke of Monmouth to Capt. Ramsay at Toul. I have received
Whitehall. yours of the 13th [N.S.] by Mr. Laws with the account of the Major's charge, whereby it appears he is yet accountable for 8,000 *livres*, which he says he has disbursed in the following particulars, which I enclose, that you may examine whether this be his sufficient discharge, or else give me an account of what further remains to be done in this particular. I expected that the Major at his coming over should have brought with him the whole account of the regiment, that I might have known its condition, and he tells me he had given order to Quarter-Master Wood for preparing it, which he had not yet sent to him. I can't but look on it as a great neglect that it should not be done in all this time, and I expect it to be sent over by the first opportunity, for the regiment will suffer by the delay, the half-pay being to be stopped till I have seen the accounts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 41, *p.* 31.]

April 12. The Duke of Monmouth to M. de Louvois. I have just learnt
Whitehall. from Mr. Lanier, who came to England a little while ago, how much obliged I am to you in the name of the regiment of horse, for having removed them from Metz to give them better quarters. They only ask to remain there some time longer, without which they would be obliged to go on the campaign before they have provided themselves with horses and other necessities. *French.* [*Ibid.*]

April 12. Sir J. Williamson to Lord Aston. I take it for a most particular
Whitehall. honour that you still give me a place in your memory and kindness and beseech you to believe I will in all occasions endeavour to deserve it as I ought, but in anything much rather than what you are pleased to put me upon in your letter of the 3rd. I would be very sorry to see any of your Lordship's loyal and honourable principles take resolutions of leaving us. I am sure you have experience and temper enough to digest all those little checks that may be met with from neighbours. I have discoursed the matter as far as I can with Mr Jeffe, the bearer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, *p.* 33.]

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 April 13. The speeches of the King and the Lord Keeper to both Houses of Parliament. (Both printed in *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 653.) [Printed. Two copies of 24 pages each. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, Nos. 188, 189.]
- April 13. A manuscript copy of the above King's Speech [*Ibid.* No. 190.]
- April 13-
 June 9. Copies of the King's messages to the House of Commons during the session, all of which are printed in *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., pp. 314, 316, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 326, 328, 332, 355, 357. [*Ibid.* No. 191.]
- April 13, 21, 27, 29. Four protests of Peers. (All printed in *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., pp. 656, 664, 669, 671.) [*Ibid.* No. 192.]
- April 13. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day. (The substance fully appears from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., pp. 314-316.) [*Ibid.* No. 193.]
- April 13.
 Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch ship and the French privateer, of which I gave you an account, are at last parted. The Frenchmen belonging to the privateer last Saturday evening manned a pinnace with intention to cut the Dutchman's cables and so cause her to drive to sea, but Capt. Dumerré, their commander, rowed after them, and threatened, if they attempted any molestation to any in his Majesty's harbour here, he would straight row away to the fort, and engage the governor against them, so that, what by their captain and the readiness they perceived the Dutch were in to receive them they desisted. But several of both vessels meeting one another on shore last Sunday evening the Dutch affronted the French with their old accustomed freedom, viz., of their scurrilous tongues, so high, that some were jealous the French would have sought satisfaction for it in the port. However, nothing was done, the French sailing away yesterday morning, but the Dutchman is here still. The wind is and has been for the most part northerly and blows fresh. [*Ibid.* No. 194.]
- April 13.
 Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Adventure* and *Guernsey* are both at Spithead ready to sail, waiting only for Lord Inchiquin's coming from London to carry him to Tangier. [*Ibid.* No. 195.]
- April 13. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. No news since my last, only some French men-of-war chased a Dutch ship ashore in Torbay. [*Ibid.* No. 196.] *Enclosed, The said list.* [*Ibid.* No. 1961.]
- April 13.
 Whitehall. The Duke of Monmouth to the Lord Lieutenant. On my request to you, you were pleased to contrive the means that Mr. William Sarsfield might be restored to his father's estate, and that Sir Theophilus Jones should accept a compensation instead, and thereupon I expected that he should have settled that estate on his wife and children, according to his offer to me here, for whom I was desirous to procure that advantage. But, I am since informed, he was no sooner put into possession of part of the said estate, but that he forgot his agreement, and has taken up considerable sums on the said part and passed a fine for the same. I cannot but think

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myself unfairly dealt with in this manner of proceeding, and therefore, if there be no remedy for what is past, I should be very willing to prevent what further prejudice he may bring to those persons, whom he is doubly obliged to provide for. For this reason, I desire, that, if Mr. Sarsfield be not already possessed of the whole estate, a stop may be put to investing him in any more of it, till I shall be satisfied by him as to the performance of those conditions, which he voluntarily obliged himself to, and which were the only motives that induced me to appear in his behalf.

Postscript.—Since finishing my letter, the news is brought me of Mr. Sarsfield's death, therefore I recommend to you the interest of his children. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 27.*]

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"A libel counterfeiting a speech of the King's." I told you last meeting that winter is the fittest time for business (*see Lords' Journals XII., p. 649*), and I thought so, till the Lord Treasurer assured me spring was the fittest season for sallets and subsidies. I hope therefore this April will not prove so unnatural as not to afford liberty of both. Do not fear to make me too rich, for I promise whatever you give me I will always take care to want, for which you may rely on the word of a King. I can bear my own straits with patience, but the Lord Treasurer protests the revenue, as it stands, is too little for us both, for one of us must pinch, if you do not help us. We are under great incumbrances, for, besides my W. in private, my reformadoes lie heavily upon me. I have a pretty good estate, I confess, but I have a great charge upon it. The Lord Treasurer can tell you that all the moneys designed for this summer's guard must be applied to next year's cradling and swaddling clouts. What shall we do then forships? That's your business, not mine. I know by experience I can live without them, I did so 10 years abroad, and was never in better health in my life, but how well you can live without them you best know. I leave it to yourselves to judge, and do not intend to insist on it. Another thing I press more earnestly is this: it seems a good part of my revenue will cease in two or three years, except you continue it. Pray why did you give me so much, except you had resolved to go on? The nation hates you already for having given me so much, and I will hate you now, if you do not give me more, so your interest obliges you to stick to me, or you will not have a friend left in England. If you continue the revenue as desired, I shall be enabled to perform those great things for your religion and liberty which I have had long in my thoughts, but cannot effect them without this establishment, therefore look to it. If you do not make me rich enough to undo you, it shall lie at your door. I can say with a safe conscience I have done my best, and shall leave the rest to my successors, but the best way to gain your good opinion is to acquaint you with what I have done to deserve it out of my royal care for your religion and property. For the first my late proclamation is a true picture of my mind. He that cannot as in a glass see my zeal for the Church of England deserves no further satisfaction. Some perhaps may say, how comes this sudden change? I reply, I was ever used to it, but to convince you further, first I tell you so, and you know I never broke my word; secondly, my Lord Treasurer

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tells you so, and you know he never told a lie; thirdly, Lord Lauderdale will undertake for me, and I should be loth by any act of mine he should forfeit the credit he has with you. I have further instances of my zeal, if you desire them; for example, I have converted all my natural sons from Popery, and it was my own work, and as much peculiar to me as the getting of them. It would do your heart good to hear how pretty little George can read his Psalter. They are fine children, and so like me in their understanding. To please you I have given Lord Lauderdale a pension of 4,000*l.* a year, not so much as I thought he wanted it, as that I knew you would take it kindly. I have made Carwell a duchess, and married her sister to Lord Pembroke, and at my brother's request have sent Lord Inchiquin to settle the Protestant religion at Tangier, and at the first word of the Duchess of Portsmouth have preferred Dr. Brideoke to be Bishop of Chichester, and have made Crew Bishop of Durham. I do not know what factious men would have, but I am sure none of my predecessors ever did any thing like me to gain the good will of his subjects. So much for religion, now for your property. My behaviour to the Bankers for a public instance, and the proceeding about Mr. Hide and Mr. Luton for a private one, are such convincing evidences, it would be needless to say more of it. By the Lord Treasurer's advice I have made a considerable retrenchment of my expenses in candles and charcoal, and intend not to stop here, but will with your help look into the late embezzlement of my kitchen stuff, of which, upon my conscience, neither the Lord Treasurer nor Lord Lauderdale are guilty, but, if you find them dabbling in that business, I leave them to you, for I would have the world know I am not a man to be cheated. I would have you believe of me as you have found me, and solemnly promise that whatever you give me shall be managed with the same conduct, thriftiness, sincerity and prudence that I have ever practised since my happy restoration. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 197.*]

April 18-16. Quotations from law-books relating to the bill for the augmentation of vicarages, the debate about members for Durham, the appointment of a Committee to review bills depending the last session, the appointment of a Committee on the laws relating to Highways, Sir John Prettyman's case, the bill for erecting a Court of Conscience, the exactions of the officers of the Aulnage and Hundred Courts, all in the House of Commons, and the bill for the Trial of Peers introduced into the House of Lords. [*Ibid. No. 198.*]

April 14. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 316*, except that it appears that the Parliament rolls therein mentioned as being tendered to the House were about their continuing their meetings during the time that any petitions of the people are depending. [*Ibid. No. 199.*]

April 14. John Reading to Williamson. About 6 on Monday night the Dover Calais packet-boat arrived with the mail and passengers. Lord Howard, Sir Theodore Dewes and several other gentlemen came. This morning the Calais packet-boat went to sea with the mail and a few passengers, none of note, wind N.W. This morning a vessel

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from London, with powder and shot, bound for France, ran ashore on the rocks in the road. The men are all saved, but the vessel sank. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 200.*]

April 14. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. No news. Wind fresh at north-
Weymouth. west. [*Ibid. No. 201.*]

April 14. Warrant to Sir John Howell, the Recorder, and the Sheriffs of
Whitehall. London and Middlesex, to reprieve Edward Toll, condemned to death at the Old Bailey for setting fire to his master's house, he being under 14 years of age, and having been instigated by a servant maid. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 128.*]

April 14. Michael Boyle, Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor, to
Dublin. Williamson. Though I am not able to reproach myself with neglect of any duty either to the King or to this country, yet I am advised it would be prudent to engage some particular person to attend at London, lest in these busy and circumventing times something might be stirred up to my prejudice, whereof I might not receive timely advertisement. I have thereupon prevailed on the bearer, Mr. Muschamp, a relation of my own, to spend some time during the sitting of the Parliament, and humbly recommend him to your notice, and beseech you to allow him the honour of waiting on you sometimes. Thus you may see how your generous humour and very great civilities increase your troubles. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 385, No. 154.*]

April 14. The Privy Council in England to [Michael Boyle, Archbishop of
Whitehall. Dublin and Lord Chancellor]. To-day the petition of Dame Charity, the relict of Sir Maurice Eustace, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, being read to his Majesty in Council, which complained that she is debarred by a judgment in the Court of Chancery in Ireland of the benefit of a general custom of that kingdom, and particularly of a custom of the City of Dublin, whereof her husband was a freeman, whereby she is to enjoy to her own use the full moiety of her deceased husband's personal estate, after payment of his funeral expenses and debts, notwithstanding the benefit thereof, on a full hearing between the petitioner and the executors of her said husband, was allowed her in the Chancery of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, all which fully appears in her petition, whereof a copy is enclosed, and prayed that, in regard the said matters are of great consequence relating to a general custom of the said city and kingdom, she might be admitted to a rehearing before your Grace in Chancery, assisted with the judges, his Majesty has granted her request, which by his command we hereby signify to you, and also require you with all convenient speed to rehear the said cause, calling to your assistance the judges of both Benches and the Barons of the Exchequer not concerned in the cause, and with their advice finally to settle and determine the same according to right, and it is his further pleasure that, till the said cause be reheard, all further proceedings on the former decree be stayed. [*Copy. Ibid. No. 155.*]

April 15. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 317*, except

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the reason given by the Marshal for not delivering up the body of Sir J. Prettyman, viz., that he knew not who should be his security, that after the sessions he should return to prison. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 202.]

April 15. Charles Bertie to Williamson. Entreating him to use his
Wallingford interest with Dr. Busby that Henry Steed, one of the King's
House. Scholars of Westminster, may be elected for Oxford by the Dean of Christ Church the next election. [*Ibid.* No. 203.]

April 15. T. Aslabby to Williamson. Last Tuesday loosed out of this 20
Bridlington. light colliers and stood northwards, wind E.S.E. It is now N.N.E., and very good weather. [*Ibid.* No. 204.]

April 15. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A little past noon to-day, after I had
Harwich. written the enclosed, one of our packet-boats came in. I had by it a letter dated 23 April giving this account : that Rheinberg was three weeks since again taken by the French ; that there is slender preparation against the French in Holland either by sea or land. What issue this summer's work may produce God knows, yet some here believe the French King intends to make peace with this state on very easy terms, but he concludes, that he is of another opinion. [*Ibid.* No. 205.]

April 15. James Welsh to Williamson. Yesterday the *Catherine* yacht went hence for Dieppe, carrying over the Hon. Henry Sidney, the Earl of Leicester's son. [*Ibid.* No. 206.]

April 15. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Adventure* and *Guernsey* are
Portsmouth. at Spithead, ready to sail when the Earl of Inchiquin comes. [*Ibid.* No. 207.]

April 15. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last Friday, I am informed, an
Pendennis. unhappy accident happened at Penzance. A small vessel from Bristol put in there. All the men went ashore, leaving only a boy on board. There was hot lime, pitch and tar in her. It took fire, by what accident none knows. The boy was saved in a boat, but the ship burnt to a coal. Since Monday some few small vessels are come in. One from France laden with salt and wine met with a privateer, which took from him all his wine and beat him and his men severely. One from New England, that touched at Barbados to repair some disasters, says all things are quiet and well in those parts. Other shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 208.]

April 15. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Yesterday came in the *Desire*,
Falmouth. of Southampton, from Cork, homeward-bound. They report all things in those parts to be quiet and thriving. The *John's Adventure*, of London, also came in in 9 weeks from Barbados. They report that the last crop has been very plentiful and good, and that but few ships are there, so that the islanders think there is some stop of ships in England. [*Ibid.* No. 209.]

April 15. Pass for the Sieur de Montargis to transport to France 20 horses
Whitehall. sent from his Majesty to several persons there. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 56.*]

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 April 16. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 317. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 210.]
- April 16, Quotations from law-books relating to several bills before the
 17, 19, 20. House of Commons on those days. [*Ibid.* No. 211.]
- April 16. James Hickes to Williamson. As yet nothing hath visibly
 appeared for Mr. John Holford in Taunton. [*Ibid.* No. 212.]
- April 16. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind easterly.
 Stockton. [*Ibid.* No. 213.]
- April 16. Richard Watts to Williamson. These violent N.E. winds for the
 Deal. last six or seven days give us no foreign news. For domestic, the old rebellious party persist with their private meetings, notwithstanding his Majesty's late declarations to the contrary. 'Tis believed and hoped by the cavaldry that Parliament will sit a considerable time and revive Acts against Recusants in general. Some dispute is beginning between the two parties at Canterbury about the choice of the late Mayor there. The Royal party say the choice is not legal, the fanatic are of the other opinion. [*Ibid.* No. 214.]
- April 16. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
 Plymouth. Another arrived to-day whose name I have not got yet. The Master's name is Peryman of this place, who left Flushing last Wednesday. The day before news came there that the French army was come within six miles of Middelburg at a place where there was a very narrow arm of the sea, the French being on the other side the water. This alarm occasioned the drums to be beaten all over the country to raise forces to stop the French. There was also a general report all over the United Provinces that the Prince of Orange was poisoned, on which there was a meeting at the Hague by the Commonalty, who would not be satisfied till the Prince showed himself to them out of a window. Two of the lords were hanged for plotting against him. [*Ibid.* No. 215.]
Enclosed,
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 215 i.]
- April 16. Warrant for the restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric
 Whitehall. of Llandaff to William, the present bishop. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 65.]
- April 16. Pass for 10 horses for the Duc de Luxembourg as a present to
 Sir W. Lockhart. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 41, p. 28.]
- April 17. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 318. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 216.]
- April 17. Certificate by Sir William Peake that Witte Lambert took the
 oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid.* No. 217.]
- April 17. The Mayor and Jurats of Hastings to Williamson. By letters
 from Mr. Samuel Otes we understand that his son, Titus, is expected

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to attend and make good his late information against Capt. William Parker, senior, exhibited to us and enclosed to you in our late letters, before the Privy Council next Wednesday. But, because he is bound to give evidence on an indictment against William Parker, junior, son of the above, for an unnatural offence, whose trial is unavoidably to be at the gaol delivery at this town next Thursday, which we are all necessarily to attend, we pray that another day of attendance may be appointed for the said Titus Otes and others concerned in the said information. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 218.]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat has arrived since my last. On Thursday evening the Navy yacht came in from Yarmouth. The captain says some of his men were informed there that the people belonging to the derelict fly-boat here got ashore in their boat somewhere thereabout. Among them were several passengers, who, getting into the boat, told the rest on board, that, if they would not come off with them, they would not return to fetch them off, so it is reported they all went off together. The wind continues N.E. Yesterday morning came in a Flushingier with a Brandenburg commission against the Swedes, as it is reported, but has got no purchase yet. [*Ibid.* No. 219.]

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Mr. Benson's case with Sir John Resesby and Mr. Longe. Sir John alleges there are but 9 votes in Aldborough and that he had 5. Mr. Benson says there are 25 and he has 15, but, admitting there are but 9, yet Mr. Benson shows he has 6 of them and excepts against every one of Sir John's votes, and shows that none of them had a right to vote for him. It is true two of those are ancient messuages, but the persons that voted for them had no title to them. One other of the 9 voted for Mr. Longe.

As to Mr. Longe, Mr. Benson says he had one of the 9 and 4 of the 25, and that the rest of Mr. Longe's are copyholders, cottagers, and new purchasers of chantry lands, who never voted before. [*Ibid.* No. 220.]

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Note by John Ramsden, sheriff of Yorkshire, that the execution of this writ is shown by an indenture certified by Peter Foster, bailiff of the within named borough. *Latin. With note*, that Mr. Benson is returned only by Foster's indenture. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 318.*) [*Ibid.* No. 221.]

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Bill continuing for 5 years longer a former Act giving liberty to buy and export leather and skins tanned and dressed. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 318.*) [*Ibid.* No. 222.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, to grant a dispensation to Dr. William Lloyd, Bishop elect of Llandaff, to hold *in commendam* Cadington Minor prebend, belonging to St. Paul's, London, and the rectory of St. Andrew's, diocese of Llandaff. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 65.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Master and Fellows of Sidney Sussex College. Directing that Richard Reynolds, M.A., Fellow of the College, employed by the King as schoolmaster at Tangier, should, as long

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as he continues in that service, remain a Fellow and enjoy all the profits and other advantages of his Fellowship as if he were resident, and dispensing in his favour with any statute to the contrary. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 6.]

April 17. Order on the petition of Abraham Jaggard for making the ship, now called the *John and Mary*, taken in the last Dutch war by virtue of letters of marque granted by the High Admiral of Scotland, and adjudged lawful prize by the Admiralty Court there, and bought by the petitioner, a free ship. [Precedents 1, f. 59.]

April 17. Similar orders for the ships *Young Emperor*, now called the *John*, of Newcastle, and the *Young Tobias*, now called the *Desire*, of Yarmouth, the last on the petition of John Dare, of Yarmouth. Minutes. [Ibid.]

April 18. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. The *Adventure* and Portsmouth. *Guernsey* continue at Spithead, waiting for Lord Inchiquin. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 223.]

April 18. Commissions to Sir William Colster to be ensign to Major Staniers, to Thomas Merryman to be first lieutenant to Captain Ramsay, and to Francis Carol to be second lieutenant to Captain Burke. Minutes. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 29.]

April 18. Grant to Thomas Povey, as one of the Masters of Requests, of a Whitehall. pension of 100*l.* per annum for his life, to commence from Lady Day last. Minute. [Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 61.]

April 19. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 318. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 224.]

April 19. Henry Bellingham to Williamson. Requesting him to write to Sir T. Chicheley that he may have 3*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* out of the next moneys due to Joseph Buckmaster, master carman to the Ordnance Office, as he has a bond under his hand for the same, and his necessity is such that he expects every day to be cast into prison. [Ibid. No. 225.]

April 19. W. Kingsley to Williamson. My former acquaintance with you Canterbury. at Oxford emboldens me to acquaint you with some very unhand-some passages between our Mayor and Mr. Barrett, a young green-headed lawyer, against my worthy friend Serjeant Hardres, one of the burgesses for Canterbury. To declare to you the several affronts to a gentleman of an ancient eminent family and one learned in the laws, besides M.P., is not in truth to be imagined. I implore your assistance to my good friend, and real resentment of this high abuse to a gentleman who so little deserves it. [Ibid. No. 226.]

April 19. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and Dover. departures of the packet-boats and mails and other vessels. [Ibid. No. 227.]

April 19. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Wind S.E. No other news. Truro. [Ibid. No. 228.]

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 April 19. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Wind is and
 Pendennis. has long continued E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 229.]
- [April 19.] Bill for the Trial of Peers as amended in Committee. (*See Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 662.*) (Printed in *The Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Part II., p. 50.*) [*Ibid.* No. 230.]
- April 19. Warrant to John Dawson, messenger, to take into custody Sir Robert Peyton and bring him before the King in Council to answer what shall be objected against him. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, p. 129.*]
- April 19. Sir J. Williamson to the Commissioners of the Customs. By
 Whitehall. his Majesty's commands transmitting to them translations of three memorials presented to him by the Dutch Ambassador, that they may inform themselves how the several matters of fact stand, and give their opinion accordingly, one of which being like to concern the farmers of the French tonnage, they are to put it in a way that the parties interested in the farm may know the case, and say what they have to say upon it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 34.*]
- April 19. Warrant to John Wickham, messenger, to take into custody and
 Whitehall. bring before the Council William Carslake for spreading false and seditious news. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 56.*]
- April 20. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 319.* [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, Nos. 231, 232.]
- April 20. Dr. Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Williamson. This time twelvemonth, after a full year's controversy between Dr. Neile and me concerning his admission to the Deanery of Ripon (whether it should be by the King's immediate mandate to the Chapter there, as Dr. Neile had been, following the error of Dr. Wilkins, or by his Majesty's presentation to the Archbishop, as both *jure communi* and by the fundamental charter of that church it ought to be, and by the practice in the time of King James and King Charles I. it had been), it was at last determined that it should be the latter way, as I desired, and so, though Dr. Neile had been actually admitted on the King's immediate mandate, yet he was ordered to go over all the seals again and to be presented to me as Archbishop of York, and to be anew instituted and installed, whereby it was settled for the future. Dr. Neile died last week, and, as I hear, Dr. Tully is designed as his successor. My request is, that, lest there may be any new trouble about it, you would set it right at the beginning, that it may pass by way of presentation, as it did and ought to do. [*Ibid.* No. 233.]
- April 20. Dr. J. Fell to Williamson. I shall take care that the Latin MS. you mention be speedily returned. At present, it being in the hands of a gentleman who is in Kent, I cannot come at it, but I hope two or three weeks will create no inconvenience. Next week I hope for an opportunity of attending on you, when I shall give you an account of the commands you have laid upon me, and expect your more particular in the concern you formerly mentioned. [*Ibid.* No. 234.]

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April 20. Charles Gaudy to Williamson. Beseeching leave to acquaint him, that, when the King was last at Newmarket, he promised the writer his letter for the recommendation of this gentleman, Mr. Secomb's, son, to the Charterhouse, and gave his permission to be reminded of it by Williamson, and assuring him he is a person who deserves the favour extremely, and wants the advantage, and is every way fit for him to assist. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 285.*]
- April 20. Sir Palmes Fairborne to Williamson. The 18th I embarked at
The *Guernsey*, Portsmouth, and yesterday afternoon arrived here. There being
Plymouth little wind, and what there was at west, we came to an anchor. Just
Sound. now, being 9 a.m., the wind is come N.E., so we are getting under
sail as fast as we can, not doubting we shall have a very quick
passage to Tangier. I am extremely sensible of the many favours I
received from you since my being in England, and beg you will
honour me still with your good opinion. The memorial I presented
you of my knighthood to be put in the newsbook was not done, as
you ordered, the Thursday before I left London. If it was not done
since, I beseech you to order it to be so. [*Ibid. No. 286.*]
- April 20. Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Saturday arrived here two
Stockton. vessels of this place from Rotterdam. The master of one, the
Merchant's Adventure, says that on the 1st going for Rotterdam 9
leagues eastward of Yarmouth Roads a small caper of 8 guns with
French colours came up with them, and took from them butter and
other goods above the value of 10*l.*, notwithstanding their seabrief
was showed them. The wind continues N.E. [*Ibid. No. 287.*]
- April 20. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. The *Guernsey* sailed
Portsmouth. Sunday afternoon in their voyage to Tangier, and with her went Sir
P. Fairborne. The *Adventure* attends the Earl of Inchiquin and is
ready to sail when he comes. [*Ibid. No. 288.*]
- April 20. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. The *Guernsey* with the victuallers to-day set sail for Tangier with
a fair wind. [*Ibid. No. 289.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 289 1.*]
- April 20. Warrant to the Recorder and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex
to reprieve William Spencer, prisoner in Newgate, convicted at the
Old Bailey as accessory to a burglary committed in the lodgings of
Robert, Earl of Manchester, within Whitehall Palace. Minute.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 129.*]
- April 20. Sir J. Williamson to the Lord Mayor. Recommending to him by
Whitehall. the King's command for the freedom of the city the bearer, Jaques
Caron, a French hatter, a great master in that trade, who comes
with design to settle it here to a degree that never yet has been
done, especially that of Caudebecs, and whom the King has ordered
to be made a denizen. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 35.*]
- April 21. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 320.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 240.*]

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 April 21. Edward Cranfield to Williamson. We sailed on the 12th from
The America. Tor Bay, wind N.N.W., and now we are in the latitude 39° 45', where,
 meeting with some ships bound for the Channel, I thought it my
 duty to give you an account where we are. The wind coming up
 last night at N.E. we hope will carry us in a few days to the
 Maderas. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 241.]
- April 21. T. Aslaby to Williamson. The Quakers and other Dissenters
Bridlington. meet frequently in great numbers. Seven or eight light colliers
 are at anchor in this bay waiting a fair wind to the northward. It
 is now N.N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 242.]
- April 21. Edward Bodham to Williamson. This being the day for electing
Lynn. a burgess, we have elected Mr. Robert Coke of Holkham. He had
 291 votes; his competitor, Alderman Simon Taylor, but 205. [*Ibid.*
 No. 243.]
- April 21. Richard Watts to Williamson. Those high winds between N.
Deal. and E. keep the outward-bound ships up the River and admit none
 to come up the Channel. I received the *Weekly Letter* last Friday,
 which has been viewed by several gentlemen and others. They
 much rejoice at his Majesty's good thoughts of his Parliament, and
 opinion of establishing the Protestant Religion. I have your
 packets for Algiers and Tripoli. No ship since that of the super-
 cargo who refused to take them has come in. I have twice before
 written of them, but have no command to send them up or keep
 them till opportunity presents. [*Ibid.* No. 244.]
- April 21. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and
Dover. departures of the packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid.* No. 245.]
- April 21. Warrant for the presentation of Stephen Sowton, M.A., to the
Whitehall. rectory of Orsett, Essex. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 66.]
- April 21. Secretary Coventry to the Bishop of Chester. Sending a copy
Whitehall. of Mr. Ogden's second petition for a *mandamus* for a fellowship
 in Manchester College and desiring his answer thereupon.
 [*Ibid.* f. 183.]
- April 21. Licence to Edward Villiers, after reciting a grant to him of the
 keepership of the mansion house at Richmond and of the Little Park
 there, and of the keepership of the game there, to keep a pack of
 beagles to hunt within the said manor, with a prohibition of all
 persons from hunting in the said manor without the King's licence.
 [*Precedents* 1, f. 59.]
- April 22. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
 which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 321. [*S.P.*
Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 246.]
- April 22, 26, May 2. Quotations from law-books and other authorities relating to several
 bills before the House of Commons on those days. Under 2 May,
 on the general bill for naturalization, is quoted "*Antoninus Pius*
multis peregrinis jus Romanæ civitatis dedit;" and the Duke of
 Savoy's project in 1627. To bring into Piedmont commerce and to
 shun the necessity of sending into foreign parts for commodities
 that may be easily brought to his ports, and which come by way of

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Marseilles, Genoa and Leghorn, the Duke has resolved in his cities and ports utterly to take away all customs and imposts, and to grant ample and perpetual liberty to all nations as well for trade as habitation, utterly abolishing a law called *la legge Ubena*, and establishing all manner of necessary and wholesome laws for the execution of speedy justice and for ordering good and valuable moneys and whatsoever else shall be thought necessary and convenient. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 869, No. 247.]

April 22.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday many light colliers came in here, the wind blowing a brisk gale at N.E., but this morning it being got westward of north they are hastening out again. No packet-boat has arrived since my last. [*Ibid.* No. 248.]

April 22.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. The *Adventure* continues at Spithead tarrying for the Earl of Inchiquin. [*Ibid.* No. 249.]

April 22.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Blessing* of Barbados came in here in seven weeks from thence with sugars for London. They speak of the good crop there, and that several vessels came out with him and the *Phoenix* frigate, which they say came from Guinea, and that she had taken two Dutch ships there before the peace. It is supposed the rest of the fleet are got up as high as Plymouth, wind N.E. The *Hope* of Newcastle and about 20 more came in here from Rochelle, most of them laden with salt. They say the French fleet for the Bank is gone to sea with a good convoy. The 21st came in here the *Content* of Falmouth in five days from Rotterdam, which says a great fleet is fitting out there for Greenland with a good convoy, and that, a little before they came away, three ships put to sea for the East Indies, and that they expected next year 20 sail from there. It was reported that a Brandenburger had brought in to some part of Holland a Swedes prize, and that the King of England had sent over two physicians to the Prince of Orange, and that he was recovered and had been abroad.

A great Dutch ship from St. Tubus (St. Ubes) that lay here several weeks for convoy had orders last post to put to sea and go about Ireland and Scotland, and accordingly put to sea on Tuesday, wind E. Some vessels that came in the day before said there were two French men-of-war off the Lizard, one of 35 and the other of 28 guns, so it will be hard for her to escape. I wish I might have the King's speech sent me. [*Ibid.* No. 250.]

April 22.
Falmouth

Thomas Holden to James Hickey. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid.* No. 251.]

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Order that a *careat* may be entered in the name of Robert Bertie, Secretary to the Customs, that nothing pass relating to his office without notice to him. [*Ibid.* No. 252.]

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Bill to prevent any members of the House of Commons from taking upon them any public office. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 321.*) [*Ibid.* No. 253.]

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Careat that nothing pass relating to the place of Secretary of the Customs, without notice to Robert Bertie, the present Secretary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 9.*]

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 April 23. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 666, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 322. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, Nos. 254, 255.]
- [April 23.] Address of the House of Commons against the Duke of Lauderdale. (Printed in *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 322.) [*Ibid.* No. 256.]
- April 23. John Gould to Williamson. My work with your Honour is to
 London. put in a good word for Mr. Carslake. The poor man may have showed his weakness; his love to what he esteems desirable may have prompted him to more than was fit, but I conclude there was not the least design of evil. But that I was fettered with business, I should this morning have been a petitioner to his Majesty in his behalf. I pray let what kindness can be, be afforded the poor man, who is unable to bear the burden of the charge. I am the more earnest, because he was a constant and painful preacher in the city all the time of the plague, when scarce any remained to engage in so necessary and then hazardous a work. [*Ibid.* No. 257.]
- April 23. Dr. Thomas Tully to Williamson. Your letter found me here
 Bristol. this morning, where the cold uncertain weather will oblige me to stay all this night. I propose to wait on you next week with the payment of my thankful respects. I fear Monday night will be the soonest I can reach Oxford from here, where my crazy body will require a day's rest, and then, as fast as I can crawl, for London. I have also sent my humblest thanks to my Lord of Durham. [*Ibid.* No. 258.]
- April 23. Daniel Fleming to Williamson. To receive for a poor present
 Rydal. two such kind letters as you have sent me, one writ the 13th, a very throng day for a man of your figure, is an extraordinary obligation. That day was one of much business to you and of very much sorrow to me, for then it pleased God to call my dearly beloved wife out of this miserable world and to leave me and 14 hopeful children to bemoan such an extraordinary loss.
- We have had here a late unhappy dispute among the magistrates about taking away the Quarter Sessions from Kendal, where they have been held a long time to the great advantage of this county. Sir P. Musgrave is engaged against us, for whom we all have a very great kindness and honour, whose interest, we know, is very great. But, if he shall make any application to you about this, I doubt not you'll keep one ear open, till you shall hear what may be said in behalf of the inhabitants in the barony of Kendal. We only desire to continue things as they have been a long time, which we are very confident will be much more advantageous to the King and country than a change will prove. I will forbear giving you any further trouble, till you give me leave to do it, and then you shall have a true account of this affair, and we shall beg your assistance therein. [*Ibid.* No. 259.]
- April 23. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind N.E. [*Ibid.*
 Stockton. No. 260.]
- April 23. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
 Plymouth. The *Blessing* of this place that left Rotterdam last Sunday can say

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nothing of the French being near Middelburg, or of a plot against the Prince of Orange, so I conceive the report I had from the master of a ship from Flushing was a mistake. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 261.] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 261 i.]

April 23. Secretary Coventry to the Lord Treasurer. Sending by the King's command a letter from Sir Richard Pigott, to whom the King made a promise that there should be no more proceeding against him in the Exchequer, till he and his partners have been heard. The King wishes that a stop is to be put to any extents issuing till the farmers are heard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 194.*]

April 23. *Congé d'elire* to the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to choose a bishop in place of Dr. William Fuller, deceased, and letter recommending Dr. Thomas Barlow, Provost of Queen's College, and Margaret Professor of Divinity, Oxford. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 188.*]

April 23. Licence to William Legge, cornet to the Earl of Oxford's own
Whitehall. troop in his regiment, to be absent for 12 months, and to be mustered as cornet with his two men during his absence. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 13.*]

April 23. Grant to John Griffith and Charles Coling, son of Richard Coling,
Whitehall. successively, and to the survivor of them of the clerkship of the Billets in the Court of the Marches of Wales for their lives and for the life of the survivor. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 57.*]

April 23. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. On Wednesday evening came
Kinsale. in the *Rose* of Belfast from France with salt and brandy. Her master says that two more of his town came out with him, and that they met a Flushing caper, which took from him a barrel of brandy, from one of the others half a hogshead of brandy, and from the third a hogshead and a puncheon of brandy and beat the master very much. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 385, No. 156.]

April 24. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 323, except that a bill to revive and make perpetual an Act for avoiding unnecessary suits and delays was read and ordered to be read again. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 262.]

April 24. Scheme of a method to be employed for the fishing trade to be established under. 3 commissioners, 4 treasurers, and 16 under-officers, 40 busses of 70 tons each to be built, and a stock of 40,000*l.* to be provided; with estimate of the charge and profits, showing that 31,463*l.* would be gained the first year. *Noted by Williamson*, as given him by the King to keep that day. [*Ibid.* No. 263.]

[April 24.] Objections by the King against setting up the fishing trade, that we have not experienced seamen and fishermen enough; that the Hollanders living more cheaply and knowing the markets will undersell us, and their merchants may sell at a loss to discourage

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us ; and that the laziness of English seamen will spoil the undertaking ; with answers thereto ; the laziness is to be checked by allowing the fishermen a proportion of the fish caught. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 369, No. 264.]

[April 24.] Memorandum of advantages to be derived from the fishing trade, viz., setting poor people to work ; saving 300,000*l.* spent yearly in the purchase of fish from the Hollanders ; advantage of traffic with the fish ; increase of shipping, and making good pilots. [*Ibid.* No. 265.]

April 24. Silas Taylor to Williamson. After sending away mine last
Harwich. Thursday, I had this account of the double commissioned Dutch privateer, that had a Dutch and a Brandenburg commission. It is here reported that he declared he would have one of those Swede vessels that were at anchor in Hollesley Bay under the convoy of the *Pearl*, and a caper with a French commission plying hereabouts he threatened him also, yet kept at anchor near Landguard Fort. The French caper came in here and passed by him last Wednesday night, and about 1 on Thursday morning boards the Dutchman, secures their watch of four men on deck, and all the rest where they were in the hold, cuts their cable, and steals her away with them to sea, and all this without so much as a musket or pistol fired.

The latter part of this I had yesterday confirmed by one of the four Dutchmen that were on the watch, who says, they, not mistrusting anything when the caper was laying them aboard, with their hands endeavoured to thrust the caper off, when presently they were entered by 40 men and secured. The French caper had two small guns, and the Dutch two also, and two or four pederas mounted, well armed and victualled, and a Dutch chaplain on board to pray for a blessing on their honest endeavours.

Yesterday very many light colliers, not liking the weather, came in here. The wind blows very stiffly at east. [*Ibid.* No. 266.]

April 24. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday afternoon in the storm
Deal. came out of Ostend a galliot hoy of about 60 tons bound for Ireland. Last night she ran fast on the north part of the Goodwin, and suddenly broke to pieces. Though it blew a whole storm, God gave the men a fine slatch of weather, and they all got into their boat, and came before the wind and arrived here to-day. It blows a gale at N.E., variable. [*Ibid.* No. 267.]

April 24. James Welsh to Williamson. The Ostend capers are very busy on
Rye. our coast and commit several outrages amongst our merchant vessels, and particularly last Tuesday not far from Dungeness an Ostend caper came up to a small fisher-boat of this town, who were shooting their nets to catch mackerel, and, though our men, when they saw her come towards them, declared themselves to be English fishermen, they poured into this small open boat a volley of small shot, and shot one of the men through the arm and broke the bone, so that it is much questioned whether he will escape or not. Our Mayor and jurats have given an account of it to Secretary Coventry and I thought it my duty to give you this also, that, if you think fit, you may acquaint his Majesty and Council, in order

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to prevent further mischief. Our poor seaman hopes he might have satisfaction for this injury from the Captain, if he could know his name, which he could not learn, nor could they make any further discovery of the ship, but by her having 12 guns, and that they confessed themselves Ostenders.

Postscript.—I am since informed she has 14 guns and that the captain's name is Philip Mastricke. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 268.*]

April 24. T. B. to —. —. That business that you might expect some account of. The friends met not, as was promised, wherefore you may expect what may be of consequence from particular friends. There is much news talked of, but 'tis dangerous to write, some say, for letters are opened at the post houses, and some are questioned already for writing, they say. 'Tis doubted it will go hard with Dissenting friends, many fear, others hope it will go well in the end. There are high differences, some say, amongst them. Some say they will give and do what may be desired, others think they will not. 'Tis said some speak notable high in many cases, which 'tis like you know, but there are some, as I may think, considerable things not convenient to write, which, if you think fit to appoint the time and place where, I shall see you, but, if I may offer the place, I should think that very convenient where you formerly were.

Postscript.—If you will have what is hinted written, and direct a way how it may come to your own hands, it shall be done as well as I can, although some of it has many long circumstances in it, and other things more fit to speak than write as I suppose.

Whether, if it be directed to Mr. John Holford, Ta[u]n[ton] Dean, it may come safe to you.

The business did not succeed. [*Ibid. No. 269.*]

April 24.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Dr. Thomas Tully. Last week I informed you of Dr. Neile's death, and that we were proceeding to perfect your grant notwithstanding the opposition designed by some. By this time you will probably have heard of another change of a more considerable rank. It is the death of the Bishop of Lincoln and the grant of that dignity to Dr. Barlow. What I have now to bespeak you in is your goodwill that Tim. Halton, as Senior Fellow Resident in the College, and as my friend, may succeed in the Provostship. I hope, as it is but a justice to him, so it may not be to the disprofit of the College. What I mainly endeavour in this and all other incidents of this kind, is, that they may be unanimous in what they do, and therefore I beg you to join your influence in the society to unite them in this mind. I was not sure but that you yourself might have some thoughts of desiring it for yourself, which made me more solicitous to bespeak your friendship early in it, and what I do is with the privacy and good liking of Mr. Provost, who has promised to write to you himself. He will acquaint you what we are further endeavouring for you on the vacancy of the Margaret Lecture. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 35.*]

April 24.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Dr. Yates. Requesting his and his House's interest in favour of Dr. Tully, upon the vacancy of the Margaret

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Professor's chair by Dr. Barlow's promotion to the Bishopric of Lincoln. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 36.*]

April 24.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Dr. Fell. I am endeavouring to secure the College for Tim. Halton, and as a little compensation to Dr. Tully, who might reasonably have an eye to it, I would be very glad to compass the Margaret Lecture for him. I beseech, if it may reasonably be, to engage you and your interest for him, and by your means Dr. Yates, which two Houses, I am told, will infallibly secure the thing to him. [*Ibid. p. 37.*]

April 24.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of William, Earl of Inchiquin, praying that the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland may be directed to cause letters patent to be passed of the castle, town and lands of Killnecurra, Ballyamsarry, Strahanagh and Mulcosogran, in the barony of Barrymore, co. Cork. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 21.*]

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Lewis Herault declares that John Guepin has said several years since the restoration that England had reason to be sorry for Cromwell, because he was a great zealot for the laws of God; that, if the English were wise, they should free themselves from the families of Stuarts, and that he hoped they should do it. Guepin added that the service practised in the chapel at Whitehall differed a little or not at all from the Mass, in a word that it was the Mass copied. Herault declares besides that he heard it but this week, and that, if the company of elders and deacons of the French Church, London, had been more in number last Wednesday, he should then have declared it to them, and that he intimated to them he had something to declare. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 369, No. 270.*]

April 25.
Sunderland.

Samuel Hodgkin to Williamson. To-day arrived two vessels from Amsterdam, who say they came out of the Texel last Friday, and fell in with two Dunkirk privateers, but, the sea being high, they could not lay them on board, but before that they had plundered a small vessel of Stockton. Several light and laden colliers are passing by, but the grand coal fleet is not in sight. [*Ibid. No. 271.*]

April 25.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and departures of the packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid. No. 272.*]

April 25.

Warrant to release on bail William Spencer, convicted of being accessory before [the fact] in robbing the Earl of Manchester's lodgings, and to insert him in the next general pardon for poor convicts of Newgate without the clause of transportation. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 134.*]

April 25.
Whitehall.

Commission to Rowland Morgan to be captain of a company whereof Capt. John Howard was captain in the Holland regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 12.*]

April 25.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir R. Holmes, Governor of the Isle of Wight, to stay and detain all vessels belonging to Hamburg that now are in

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or shall hereafter come into any port or road within his government, till the King's further pleasure be signified. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 57.*]

April 26. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 324.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 1.*]

[April 26.] Charge of impeachment against the Earl of Danby. (Printed in *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 324.*) [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

April 26. The Earl of Anglesey to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, who was formerly in his service, where he behaved decently, and was since in Lord Arlington's office for about 12 months under Mr. Richards, where, the Earl is informed, he discharged himself with good approbation. French he has naturally, being born in Guernsey, and he has very well acquired Latin and English. His request is to be clerk under Mr. Brisbane, one of Williamson's secretaries. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

April 26. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Apologizing for not writing last
Truro. post, having a great cold. Wind N.N.E. [*Ibid. No. 4.*]

April 26. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last week came in here at least
Pendennis. 40 sail, most of them from France with wine, brandy and salt. On Thursday came in a Dutch caper with two small French prizes with red wines. On Saturday came in a vessel from Virginia with tobacco for Holland, but stops for advice from her owners. The wind has long continued E. and N.E. [*Ibid. No. 5.*]

April 26. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. The 23rd above 25 merchant-
Falmouth. men from France and other places homeward-bound put to sea from this, but the next day, the wind coming easterly, some of the sternmost which put back here say that the rest put in for Plymouth. The 24th came in here the *Looking-Glass* of Flushing, a small Dutch caper, with two small prizes, both laden with small wines. The night before they came in, they met a French ship that put out of this and hailed her, but they having a man on board that spoke English he said she belonged to London, and so escaped. The *Friends' Adventure* of Dover also came in in 14 days from Bordeaux. About 28 sail came out with them, which, they believe, are put into Scilly. They say that the disorders in that city were very great, the President and several others were killed and some of the Parliament men's houses were pulled down, and it had grown higher, if the Governor had not gone about the city, and said, as the common people said, *Vive le Roy sans Gabelle*, for whoever would not say so they killed. The King of France is drawing 20,000 men against the city, who refused to let the King's forces come into the citadel, but they broke in by night, and so have got possession of it. The King, it is said, will make the ringleaders examples. The tax was very grievous, for they were to pay 5 *sous* for every bushel of corn they baked, and so for every new hat and coat and other clothes they should have to wear, and there was a patent granted to one man that all the tobacco of the growth of that country should be sold for 20 *sous* a *lb.* and all that

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should be brought in for 40. It is supposed that, if Toulouse, a Parliament city near by, do not oppose this tax as well as Bordeaux, that city will receive much damage. By a vessel that came in here from Rochelle, I am advised that, before they came away, two Dutch ships loaden with Frenchmen came into Charleboyes Road, for the Dutch having taken all the plantations the French had in the East Indies gave them these two ships to bring them home. The *Black Cock* of London came in here in 5 weeks from Virginia with tobacco, bound home. They have had a very bad crop there this year, and tobacco will be very bad and scarce. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 6.]

April 26. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* No. 7.]

April 26. Warrant to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, to
Whitehall. release Col. Francis Lovelace, his prisoner, he giving security of 500*l.* to surrender when required, he having fallen dangerously ill of dropsy and being in great want of necessaries. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 130.]

April 26. Commissions to Francis Williamson to be lieutenant and John
Whitehall. Richardson to be ensign to Capt. Morgan in the Holland regiment. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 44, p. 12.]

April 26. Commissions to David Legros to be lieutenant and Henry
Whitehall. Wharton to be ensign to Capt. Huitson in the Earl of Craven's regiment of Guards. Minutes. [*Ibid.*]

April 27. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 325. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 8.]

[April ?] John Draper, of Bristol, merchant, to the King. Petition stating that 17 Nov. last there were laden at Stockholm on the *Mary* of Malmo, belonging to the Crown of Sweden, 46 lasts of pitch and tar, 290 rings of brass wire and 24 barrels of steel bound for Bristol, on the account of, and consigned to the petitioner, which ship was frozen up and could not go to sea till lately, and on her voyage was taken by a Zealand caper and brought up by him to Terveer by virtue of a commission from the Duke of Brandenburg, and praying, as the said goods are still detained and some of them have been already rifled, and as the petitioner laded them long ago before any intimation of a war between Sweden and Brandenburg, that his Majesty would interpose with the States General and the Duke of Brandenburg for the speedy restitution of the said goods, some of them being very perishable. [*Ibid.* No. 9.] *Annexed,*

April 27. *Affidavit by the said John Draper, echoing the statements in the petition.* [*Ibid.* No. 9*l.*]

April 27. Examination of Alexandre Vieuar, minister of the Gospel, living at present in London, concerning Jean Guepin, taken before Williamson. In 1666 I was staying at Amsterdam, where during September, October, and November, Guepin slept in the same room with me. He often conversed about the affairs of England, and told

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me, when we were alone, that England had reason to regret Oliver Cromwell, that his government was better than the present, that he was a great zealot for the law of God and that he maintained the pure religion. As for the King, that he could not do without bishops or common prayers, and that he had brought back all those things which displeased the English. I asked him what the common prayers were. He replied, if you were at Westminster or the King's chapel you would believe yourself among the Papists. It is a complete copy of the Mass, but, if the English are wise, they will get rid of the Stuart family, and I believe they will do so in time. That man then went to Hamburg, and I stayed three years at Amsterdam, and then returned to France and stayed there till I came over to London, where I met Guepin, and having told this scandalous conversation to Dr. Herault, he advised me and gave me means to make my declaration public. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car., II. 370, No. 10.*]

April 27. Dr. J. Fell to Williamson. It is a privilege our people take here to bestow all bishoprics before the King disposes of them, and they, having on the first news of the vacancy of Lincoln made the Provost the successor, went on in the same method to bestow his places, and on Sunday night one of the most popular Bachelors in Divinity that we have in town came to me, signifying his concern in behalf of the Master of Pembroke, and on Monday several others of other houses made the same application. I told them all that it was very indecent to begin a canvas before a place was actually void and probably a considerable time would pass before there would be a vacancy. Besides they should consider that Dr. Tully might justly pretend to the place, and, if he did, would not fail of being assisted by his friends, so that their appearing might be a great unkindness to Dr. Hall, who does not appear as a candidate, nor probably would have his name brought in question, and besides would make a competition and disturbance in the University, wherefore I desired them to forbear. This was all I thought proper to say; I shall speedily see how far my counsel is taken and give you an account when I come up. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]

April 27. Dr. Thomas Tullie to Williamson. I am but just returned here, where I had the best *bienvenu* I could desire, your most obliging letter, and the news of our friend's preferment. Your commands in reference to the College shall have the utmost and heartiest observance I can pay them. I hope there will be no disturbance. Pray give my service to Dr. Halton, if with you. I hope to wait on you on Friday at farthest. [*Ibid. No. 12.*]

April 27. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last Sunday afternoon one of our packet-boats arrived, which came from the Brill the day before. The master says another came from thence with a mail last Wednesday, but we hear nothing of him and have fears for him, because he was in the worst of the weather. Yesterday the wind was southerly, and a great fleet of light colliers sailed hence. The *Pearl* and the Swedish ships under her convoy are still in the Rolling Grounds, the wind to-day being again in the East.

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Postscript.—After sending this to the post-house, the missing packet-boat arrived. I sent for this again to let you know the Wednesday mail was landed at Queenborough on Friday, and all in safety. By a letter he brought me, there is little, except the forwardness of the French, and of a proclamation now expired forbidding the fishing, &c., for Greenland, but now they are putting out in great abundance, besides 14 East Indiamen in readiness, 7 from Amsterdam, 5 from Rotterdam, and 2 from Zealand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 13.]

April 27. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. The *Adventure*
Portsmouth. continues at Spithead waiting for the Earl of Inchiquin. The *Wivenhoe* fireship is ordered here to be fitted for the Straits. [*Ibid.* No. 14.]

April 27. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. The Dutch caper put ashore to-day here all his Frenchmen without the approbation of the Deputy Governor of the Royal Citadel and without giving them any money for their subsistence here before they could get passage for France, or for travelling to get passage elsewhere.

Postscript.—The Deputy Governor made the captain of the caper take on board again all the Frenchmen he put ashore. [*Ibid.* No. 15.] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 151.]

April 27. Reference of the petition of Sir William Petty and Robert
Whitehall. Marshall about the quit-rents of Kerry to the Lord Treasurer, to consider thereof and of the several reports from the Chief Governors and Privy Council of Ireland, and petitions transmitted from them concerning this matter and what has been done already thereon, and what the petitioners have further to allege, and to make his report on the whole with his opinion, and particularly on the within-mentioned petition of 4 July, 1673, and what expedient may be used concerning the seizure complained of. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 21.]

April 27. Grant to Anne, Countess Marischal, for her life of several lodgings
Whitehall. built upon the wall of St. James' Park next the Horse Guards, which at her own charges she has fitted and beautified. With memorandum that this was the renewal of a warrant granted in Lord Arlington's time. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 58.]

April 27. Warrant for a grant to Charles, son of Sir Charles Cottrell, master
Whitehall. of the ceremonies, of the office of master of the ceremonies for his life in reversion after his said father, with the fee of 200*l.* *per annum*, and for a grant of the expenses he shall incur in journeys with ambassadors and the like, with a proviso for cessor of the former grant to him of the office of Assistant to the Master of the Ceremonies on his succeeding to the said office. [3 *pages.* *Precedents* 1, f. 61.]

April 27. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. Shipping news. [*S.P. Ireland,*
Kinsale. *Car. II.* 335, No. 157.]

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 April 28. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 326. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 16.]
- April 28. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and
 Dover. departures of packet-boats and mails. Last night a yacht went for Dieppe carrying over Sir John Arundel. [*Ibid.* No. 17.]
- April 28. *Caveat* that nothing pass concerning the grant of a prebend of Worcester till notice be given to Lord Windsor. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, p. 9.]
- April 28. Warrant for a grant to Arthur Ross, late parson of Glasgow, of the bishopric of Argyle with all the benefices, lands, lordships, &c., thereto belonging. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 230.]
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- April 28. Warrant for a mandate to Alexander, Archbishop of Glasgow, to consecrate and instal Arthur, now Bishop of Argyle. [*Ibid.* p. 232.]
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- April 28. Warrant for the presentation of William Annand, a minister of Edinburgh, to the Deanery of Edinburgh. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 233.]
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- April 28. Warrant for a gift to John Veatch, younger, of Dawick, of the escheat of the goods of Sir Michael Nasmyth of Posso, and likewise of the escheat of the life-rent of the same. [*Docquet. Ibid.*]
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- April 28. Memorials of protection in the ordinary form to Lord Banff for three years and to Archibald Campbell of Pearsie for two years. [*Ibid.* p. 234.]
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- [Before
 April 29.] Request by the Duke of Monmouth for an exchange to be made between Mr. Mauleverer, ensign to Capt. Godfrey's company, and Mr. Wheeler, ensign to Prince Rupert's company at Windsor, and that they may have commissions accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 18.]
- April 29. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 670, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 326. [*Ibid.* No. 19.]
- April 29. Dr. Thomas Yates to Williamson. Yours of the 24th came when I was abroad, else you had had a more speedy account. I shall with all cheerfulness and faithfulness obey your commands, and, though as yet neither Dr. Tully nor any other appear for the Margaret Professor's place, yet I have recommended it to divers of ours, and hope they will not forget that great honour and kindness you did to this place in sheltering it from the attempts lately made on their freedom in elections, but render you all returns in their power. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]
 Brasenose
 College.
- April 29. Thomas Musgrave to Williamson. I can neither sufficiently
 Ednall
 (Eden Hall). admire your goodness nor express my obligations to you. In retaining or resigning my prebend at Carlisle, I shall be wholly guided

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by your instructions. I should not have presumed to have imposed this trouble on you, but that your great kindness, especially in effecting my promotion to Durham, commands me to acknowledge it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 21.]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. By one of our packet-boats which arrived this morning with Lord Clare in her, we are told that the Duke of Brandenburg is at the Hague, whither resort great numbers of people from all parts of the United Provinces. Yesterday was very stormy; the wind continues easterly and blows very fresh. I have since waited on Lord Clare, who speaks of a small retinue the Duke of Brandenburg has with him at the Hague. [*Ibid.* No. 22.]

April 29.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. The *Adventure*, Sir R. Rooth commander, is at Spithead waiting for the Earl of Inchiquin. [*Ibid.* No. 23.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 27th several vessels bound eastward put to sea, but the wind came out that night at S.E. and blew a great storm, so that, unless they got into Plymouth or elsewhere, they may be in some danger. The small Dutch caper I wrote about last post put to sea, and came in again yesterday in the storm. She has left the prizes in a merchant's hands here. The 28th came in here the *Mary* of London in six weeks from the James River in Virginia. They report that all sorts of provisions are very dear there, and tobacco very scarce. They were in much distress for victuals when they came into port. They speak of four vessels cast away there in a storm or hurricane, and that there are several vessels in the Channel, so, if this wind holds at East, we shall have many of them here. Some are come in already from France. [*Ibid.* No. 24.]

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Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid.* No. 25.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir Edward Griffin to pay 100*l.* to Andrew Cokaine, yeoman rider to the King, for charges in physicking the King's horses at Newmarket. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, f. 194.]

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Commission to James Wheeler to be ensign of Captain Godfrey's company of foot in the regiment of Guards under Colonel Russell. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, p. 129.]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir Thomas Player. Recommending the bearer, Jaques Caron, with particulars about him as in his former letter calendared *ante*, p. 72. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 38.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. On the submission sent us by you of most of the subscribers of that strange address and the other submission we transmitted to you, by our letter of the 1st instant we authorized you to continue the process against them till the first Council day in June, and now, being informed that those named in the last submission who were not here have also submitted, we authorize you to discharge the said process immediately,

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that all the subscribers of the said address may be in the same condition as when they signed and presented it, and it is still our pleasure that the restraint from coming to Edinburgh be taken off both as to the subscribers and the others mentioned in our said letter, and that the same favour be allowed to James Hunter and the others mentioned in your letter of the 8th. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 234.*]

April 30. Establishment of an allowance of 500*l.* a year to the Governor of
Whitehall. the Isle of Wight for his pay and entertainment to begin 25 March last, when the former allowance expired. *Sign Manual. Countersigned, "Danby; J. Williamson."* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 26.*]

April 30. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which
fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 673.* [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 27, 28.*]

April 30. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 327.* [*Ibid. No. 29.*]

April 30. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 30.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 30 I.*]

[April 30.] Abstract of the bill for explanation of an Act to prevent dangers
from Popish Recusants (the Test Act), as amended in Committee,
which is printed in *The Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Part II., p. 50.* [*Ibid. No. 31.*]

[April 30.] Reasons against the Act for erecting a Court of Conscience [at
Westminster]: that it takes away trial by Jury; destroys the inferior
courts as Courts Baron &c.; compels persons of quality to submit
for small debts to a company of shopkeepers; the King's servants
are put under its jurisdiction without liberty to sue in the Court of
the Household; it will be impossible to recover debts from the
persons appointed Commissioners during their tenure of office, nor
will they be able to recover debts due to them. Unlearned men
cannot be supposed to be competent to decide the legal questions
that may arise, and there may be equal difficulty in a cause of 40*s.*
as in one of 40*l.*; but there is no appeal. Allowing the parties to
give evidence themselves will cause frequent perjuries, &c. (*See*
Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 327.) [*Ibid. No. 32.*]

April 30. Secretary Coventry to Mr. Percival, Deputy Governor of Deal
Whitehall. Castle. Is displeased at his attempts to abuse him by his complaints
of Hancock, who, he pretended, had enclosed a piece of ground to
the prejudice of Deal Castle, whereon an order in Council was
made, though he knew that Sir John Berry, the Governor, had
given the poor man leave to do what he did. He advises him to let
Hancock remain without molestation, till he hear what the King
and Council further order. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 14, p. 137.*]

April 30. Commission to Francis Mauleverer to be ensign of the company
of foot under Prince Rupert in Windsor Castle. Minute. [*S.P.*
Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 129.]

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 April 30. Commission to Christopher Bannistre to be marshal to the
 Whitehall. Horse Guards regiment and troops of horse that shall be in the
 King's pay and entertainment in the room of Richard Llewellyn.
 Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 13.*]
- April 30. Grant of the office of Master of the King's Hawks to the Earl of
 Whitehall. Rochester and William Chiffinch during life, on the surrender of
 Sir Allen Apsley and Sir Peter Apsley. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 56.*]
- April. [Walter, Lord Aston] to Williamson. My most humble thanks
 for your letter of the 12th. I shall not fail to give you a speedy
 account of anything worthy of your knowledge. You have so many
 worthy persons of our country sitting with you, and my near
 neighbour, Walter Chetwynd, now newly elected for Stafford, so
 faithful a subject, and so gallant, knowing and obliging a person,
 that you cannot but be most perfectly informed of all things of this
 country. The now general discourse in all companies here is upon
 a letter that is conceived writ from the Earl of Shaftesbury to the
 Earl of Carlisle. Every part is much descanned upon, but most
 conclude that the Parliament will be speedily dissolved and a new
 one called, and to that end some, who believe that the Papists in
 this country have a great interest in many of the electors, are
 endeavouring to persuade that it is not the Protestant party, but
 the Episcopal Prelatical party which have now a great influence in
 the present House of Commons, which at this time is the cause of
 putting the penal statutes rigorously in execution against them, but
 on a new election persons would be certainly chosen of a disposition,
 if not for a full toleration, yet at least so qualified that they would
 have no just cause to complain. Others have lately conceived that
 in regard this country, where his Majesty was preserved (and that
 Whitgrave and the Pendrells who were so eminent loyal in his
 preservation are now prosecuted for being Papists) is more severely
 prosecuted than any other in this circuit, [they] should [unite] in
 a petition to the House of Commons not only of themselves, but
 joined with all the Papists of England. Where I meet with this
 discourse I cry it down all I can, for I would have no grace or
 mercy expected from any but his Majesty. You will pardon me
 for daring to send my judgment, which is this. If Parliaments be of
 absolute necessity for the good of this nation, the less while they
 continue, surely the securer, but it is evident that, if this be dis-
 solved, that the Presbyterian interest and the Fanatics will carry it
 in most countries. You have advised me so well in your last which
 I will endeavour to follow, and I am now confident that in what
 upon any exigency I shall be driven to, I shall find you my friend
 in what is reasonable and just. If you command me anything,
 either my cousin Jeffes will send it me, or if it be put into
 [Stafford] bag it comes safe to me, I living within two miles of the
 town. [*Signature torn off, and day of month and names of places*
erased. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 870, No. 83.]
- [April ?] Henry Oldenburg to the King. Petition for a patent for 14 years
 for making and disposing of watches as invented by Mous. Christian

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Huygens, useful to find the longitudes both by sea and land, which invention has been transferred by Huygens to the petitioner for his Majesty's dominions. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 34.]

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Warrant for a patent to Oldenburg as prayed in the above petition. [*Draft. Ibid.* No. 35.]

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Warrant for a grant to William Bridgeman of an annuity of 400*l.* *per annum* to continue for 7 years. [*Draft. Ibid.* No. 36.]

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Reasons proposed to Parliament for making a free trade for tanned leather in the Bill now committed (21 April) for continuance of the Act for transporting leather.

The reason of the law that hindered a free trade was to prevent transportation, which now being made lawful, the law itself should no longer be a restraint on trade. Transportation, which since the late Act has been found very beneficial, cannot be so effectually encouraged as it ought unless the transporter may sell at home what he finds unfit for transportation, or what by any sudden emergency may become unsafe to venture at sea. By a free trade the price at remote fairs and markets will be generally advanced, so as to bear proportion with Leadenhall market, and Leadenhall will be kept to equal and indifferent rates and the leather trade be balanced throughout the realm. By keeping a restraint on buying and selling leather, the tanners about London will monopolize the whole trade therein, and it has been the prudence of all Parliaments to prevent monopolies as destructive to trade.

A retailer of leather, as well as one of cloth and other commodities is necessary, especially for supplying the poorer traders and artificers, by furnishing them with leather curried and dressed and proper for their use, who otherwise could not provide for supplies to last till the return of the market, and the week's time that must be spent in currying after the market day before it be fit for use, nor can their stock hold out for providing by wholesale the variety of colours leather is now put into, and must be had to suit their customers and maintain their trade. All the mischiefs and inconveniencies that can be opposed to the free trade of leather are sufficiently provided against by the searching and sealing of leather already provided for by law in all markets and corporations. [*Printed paper. Ibid.* No. 37.]

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London.

"The Voice of the Nation or an humble Address to the High and Honourable Court of Parliament for their just severity to repress the growing boldness of Atheism and prophaneness in the land." Thanking them for their care firmly to establish the Protestant religion in England and to strengthen the English monarchy against the pretended title and unwearied attempts of the Papal tyranny. A greater danger calls on them to stop the growing disease of domineering atheism and both actual and doctrinal blasphemy. While they take care men may continue Protestants, it is asked openly, if they must be Christians. The grounds of Christianity are boldly battered with unreasonable reasons and the highest

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scorn. In effect it is the old Popish plot, for, when the principles of Popery will not take, the emissaries of Rome into England instil those of Atheism, as, the zeal of religion being taken away, they may then work their politic interest. (Quotations from Dr. Wilkins, the late Bishop of Chester, in favour of punishing Atheism severely.) Several excellent books and powerful pithy sermons have been written against Atheism, but they have hitherto only made Atheists more proud and insulting. Since they are not to be confuted but by authority, that confutation is craved of Parliament, which their wisdom shall think most fit. *Printed for Henry Brome.*

With MS. notes that it is impossible this transgression should be healed, whilst the public theatres are suffered to be the schools of blasphemy, debauchery and buffoonery, to disparage serious religion, all solid virtues, lawful marriage, sobriety and true-heartedness to our country.

On the back is an anonymous letter.—Here you may behold what a seasonable opportunity of vindicating the glory of God's name was put into the hands of the band of pen[sioners], but some were busy selling God, their souls and their country for private and filthy lucre. The names of those manifestly guilty should be publicly recorded, and also those who voted the confiscation of the whole kingdom, and that cottagers, who have no voice in elections, should pay 2s. yearly for a stone not worth 2d., when the chimney villains call it a hearth. Some of these watch when the poor cottagers are absent, and then carry away their bedding and pots for their own lucre. Those also should be named who made the horrible decrees against Quakers and countenanced the country Justices to superadd such un-heard of cruelties to those horrible statutes as may be seen in Will. Penn's *Cry for Justice*, and in his *Continued Cry*. In his *England's True Interest* you may see the Great Charter has been furiously violated. 'Tis possible the R[ight] R[everend] Pre[lates] countenanced those statutes according to their usual zeal, but Penn proves clearly that neither King nor Parliament nor magistrate nor minister have a divine right to determine what is heresy or what is schism. J. Milton has said more for it in two elegant sheets of true religion, heresy and schism than all the pr[elates] can refute in 7 years, and you may tell them "*Ex ore tuo te condemnabo* by referring them to Dr. Jeremy Taylor's *Liberty of Propheying*."

The rooting out of Papacy is too hard a task without God's extraordinary assistance. I think I can say more than any one living how Papacy has been fostered in England, Scotland and Ireland, ever since Queen Elizabeth's decease, and before it by King James by his contracts with the Pope, Spain and the Grand Duke of Tuscany to assist him to the Crown when Queen Elizabeth refused to declare him heir, and he made good his promise, *e.g.* by his dissolution of parliament in 1621 and his justification of it, where you may see what he meant by his imperial crown and prerogative. There you have enough *jus divinum* in all conscience, and you may see more to the same effect in *The King's Cabinet Opened*, paper 8, p. 7, the true copy testified by our ladies' grandfather, E. P. Esq. Much I could

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add, but I must not approach too near those heels, which may kick out my teeth. Now is the critical time. Either we shall by God's assistance subdue the Papacy or that will ruin us. They have hundreds of thousands of priests and Jesuits to assault us boldly from head to foot. You do well in publishing your votes and resolves, that such as resent may send in their objections before they pass into laws. I pray God to prosper you in all those great affairs to which you are called by God and this kingdom. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 38.*]

[April?] Major Henry Staniers to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioner has been dismissed after three years' faithful service in the Duke of Monmouth's foot regiment at M. de Louvois' desire for demanding the rights and conditions of the said regiment and praying for payment of the three years' arrears of an allowance granted for his former services and for some consideration for the loss of his employment. [*Ibid. No. 39.*]

[April?] Sonnybanke Ghyles to Williamson. Being reduced to indigence by the losses his friends sustained by their loyalty to his late Majesty, begging a grant of all such arrears of tenths of the clergy as are now in arrear or shall be returned in arrear in May, 1675, by the respective bishops, who by Act of Parliament are collectors of those tenths which are payable yearly at Christmas, and who the following May return into the Exchequer the non-solvents in their respective dioceses, on which returns process has been from time to time issued to levy the same, most of them that are of worth having been levied, and the rest being of small value. [*Ibid. No. 40.*]

[April?] Address by the Quakers to the King and Parliament, who are now sitting. Showing that the Act for swearing allegiance and denying the Pope's supremacy was made against Popish Recusants, and those who are swearers and could swear in other cases, neither of which they are; quoting texts against taking oaths, which is the only cause they dare not take an oath in any case, although they thus suffer imprisonment, some for 10, some for 12 years, some even dying in prison, so that any who bear them malice can cast them into prison merely by tendering the oath; pleading their inoffensive and honest behaviour for almost 15 years, and urging that no penalty should be inflicted for religion and conscience, adding that something further is intended to be presented to them. Signed on behalf of the said people by James Park, John Grove and Ellis Hooker. [*Printed. Ibid. No. 41.*]

[April?] Request of Sir Andrew Dick to the House of Commons, in consideration of his deplorable condition, to appoint a committee to state his just debt. His late father, Sir William Dick, lent large sums, amounting to 37,000*l.* towards the levy of an army in Scotland for Ireland, and towards sea service against Ireland on public security, but received only 5,600*l.* back, and a weekly allowance of 5*l.*, which was stopped on the restoration; and 2,000*l.* allotted him

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in lieu thereof from excise arrears by the Parliament of 1660 was taken up by the King, so that the family and many hundreds of widows and orphans with whose estates his late father was entrusted are in great distress. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 42.*]

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An Act for the better and more speedy conviction of Roman Catholics and the levying the forfeitures incurred thereon. Any person born a subject who shall officiate as a Popish priest in England, or shall have done so abroad, unless reconciled after his return to the Church of England, shall suffer as in cases of high treason. The Constables and Churchwardens after the ——— day of ———, 1675, twice a year shall make presentment of all persons aged 16 and upwards residing in their parishes or having estates there, suspected to be Popish Recusants who have foreborne to come to church for a month before such presentment, or have said Mass or willingly heard Mass, such presentment to be delivered to the Grand Jury at the next Quarter Sessions, which shall be sufficient evidence for indicting such Recusant for his absence from church or saying or hearing Mass. After indictment proclamation shall be made for the persons indicted to appear at the next Quarter Sessions, and, if they do not appear, or if they refuse to subscribe the declaration in the Act, on such default the defaulter shall be deemed a Popish Recusant convict, and be proceeded against accordingly. The forfeitures from Popish Recusants are to be applied in the purchase of rectories, impropriations, tithes or other real estate for the augmentation of poor vicarages and other cures in the county where the forfeiture shall be levied, regard being had in the first place to such poor vicars, who, or their parishioners, shall be instrumental in convicting Popish Recusants and discovering their estates. Every Popish Recusant indicted or convicted who shall render himself at the next Quarter Sessions or before his estate shall be seized, and take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and subscribe the declaration, shall be free from all penalties in this Act or in any other on account of recusancy. *Noted*, as brought in during the session begun 13 Feb. (*sic*), 1674-5. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 320.*) [*Ibid. No. 43.*]

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[The Duke of Monmouth] to [Sir W. Lockhart.] I was very much concerned at the news of your indisposition, and therefore no less pleased with the hopes we have of your recovery. The King has commanded me to write to you to press the Italian players to hasten their journey, and for their better undertaking it Sir Stephen Fox will remit you by this post 200*l.* and a yacht shall be ready at their time in any convenient port they desire to embark at. On their arrival here a place will be assigned them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 30.*]

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Articles to be observed by the Duke of Monmouth's regiment of foot.

1. That none blaspheme the Name of God, swear, or be drunk, upon pain of being punished according to the Articles of War.

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2. That no officer or soldier shall quit his post on the march, nor go out of the camp or other quarter above a mile, nor absent himself from his guard night or day, the officer on pain of cashiering, and the soldier of arbitrary punishment.

3. That no officer give his soldier more or less pay than is ordered, or omit giving it at the times appointed.

4. That any sergeant that gives disrespectful words to his superior officer, or any inferior officer or private to his sergeant or corporal be punished according to the Articles of War.

5. That all sentinels quitting their post or found sleeping on it be punished with death.

6. That no soldier wrong his landlord or other inhabitant in quarters on march, on pain of being punished according to his crime.

7. That no soldier stir off his guard nor out of his rank on a march without his commander's leave, on pain of death.

8. That all officers that promote any quarrel or give opprobrious words or strike shall be cashiered.

9. That all officers be present in the head of their companies at all drawings out and coming into quarters, and that they retire not till they have seen their arms set up in their proper places.

10. That no soldier shall sell or buy arms or clothes delivered to him by his officer on pain of death. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 41, p. 32.]

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Instructions from the Duke of Monmouth for Col. Scott, colonel-lieutenant of the Royal English regiment.

1. You are to repair with all speed to the regiment to take care of it, and see that it march into the field as befits the service.

2. You are to place the officers I have appointed in the place of those dead or removed, according to the certificates I have given them for such vacancies.

3. You may fill up whatever vacancies shall happen among the subalterns after your arrival, provided I approve of them, but no one is to be confirmed till he has received my approbation under my hand and seal. But in case any captain's place shall be void, I reserve to myself the power to nominate and appoint a successor.

4. The companies of Col. Churchill's regiment that shall be incorporated into my regiment are to have the youngest place, except Lieut.-Colonel Howard's which is to march next after your own, and they are to take place among themselves according to the seniority they had in their own regiment, and you are to dispose of the supernumeraries remaining above the said companies amongst my regiment as you think fit.

5. If any dispute arise between any of the subalterns concerning their right to command, as that a younger officer of an elder company should pretend to command an elder officer of a younger company, I hereby authorize you to terminate all such disputes by an exchange. [*Ibid.* p. 33.]

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Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 370. No.	Date.	King's Ships.	Outward Bound.	Inward Bound.	Wind.	Remarks.
44	April 1	2	36	0	S.W.	{The whole fleet sailed to-day.
45	" 2	2	33	0	S.W.	
46	" 3	2	2	—	N.E.	
47	" 4	2	3	0	N.E.	
48	" 6	1	2	0	N.E.	
49	" 7	0	1	0	N.E.	
50	" 8	0	0	0	N.E.	
51	" 10	0	0	3	S.W.	
52	" 11	0	3	1	W.	
53	" 12	1	0	0	N.E.	
54	" 13	1	0	0	N.E.	
55	" 14	1	0	0	N.E.	
56	" 15	1	0	0	E.	
57	" 16	1	0	0	E.	
58	" 18	1	0	0	N.E.	
59	" 19	1	1	0	N.E.	
60	" 20	1	0	0	N.E.	
61	" 21	1	0	0	N.E.	
62	" 22	1	4	0	S.W.	
63	" 23	1	0	0	N.E.	
64	" 24	1	0	0	E.	
65	" 25	1	0	0	N.E.	
66	" 27	1	0	0	E.	
67	" 28	1	3	0	S.E.	
68	" 29	1	2	0	N.E.	

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Charles du Rousseau, Knight of the Holy Empire, to the King. Petition, stating that one can fabricate coaches with two wheels, drawn by one horse laden with four persons of an extraordinary lightness, which cannot overturn, though the horse falls down, and that some may be made with one wheel, which will pass where a horse can, and turn with so great a swiftness that a body being in shall shoot a pistol as well as if he was on horseback, and that an invention may be given to facilitate the moving of all sorts of wheels, and besides a great many things can be given which will be of no less service than ornament, and offering to come over to England to show his Majesty the experience of it, if he shall be granted a patent for his said inventions. *At the side,*

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Whitehall.

Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. On the back,

His report in favour of granting a patent as prayed. 7 June.

[*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 69.*]

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Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Wednesday a pink of Bridlington, laden with rye from the East, ran ashore coming into the Tees. She was overset and all the corn was wet and damaged, but the master and all his company were saved in their boat, and they are in hopes of saving the vessel. The wind continues northerly. [*Ibid.* No. 70.]

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May 1. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news since my last. Yesterday
Harwich. and to-day have proved calmer than of late. We have many ships
 here. Wind N.N.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 71.]
- May 1.** John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and
Dover. departures of the mails and packet-boats. [*Ibid.* No. 72.]
- May 1.** Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Last Wednesday a small
Weymouth. vessel of our town left Cherbourg and arrived here next day. The
 French there talk as if they feared a war with us, grounded, I
 suppose, on the Parliament's late address for recalling our soldiers
 out of the French service. Yesterday came into our road a
 Yarmouth vessel, which left Charente some weeks since. Some of
 her company say that 20 men-of-war were fitting out there,
 supposed for the Straits. They met off Brest three French
 men-of-war cruising. [*Ibid.* No. 73.]
- May 1.** Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Yesterday arrived here the
Lyme. *Elizabeth* and *Little Mary* from St. Malo, by contrary winds above
 a week in their passage, most of it at Guernsey. The masters say
 that island is well, and that the occasion of the rising of the people
 at Nantes, Rennes, St. Malo, and many other places in Brittany
 was the great duty on and monopolizing of tobacco and other
 commodities, tobacco from 9 or 10 *sols* to 30 *per lb.* These duties
 are at present dispensed with for quieting the people. They con-
 tinue to raise what forces they can in that country, and some new
 levies are still going for the campaign. These continued N.E. winds
 keep back several of our ships we expect from several other French
 ports. [*Ibid.* No. 74.]
- May 1.** The Bristol Narrative, or a Just Account of the imprisonment
Bristol. and death of John Thompson, a conventicling preacher there, given
 on oath that day by Thomas Hobson, keeper of the gaol of Newgate
 there. 10 Feb., 1674 [-5], Mr. Thompson on the Act for restraining
 of Nonconformists from coming into cities and corporations was
 committed to prison for 6 months. The day after his commitment
 the keeper offered him liberty to walk on the leads and take the air,
 which he willingly embraced, and he walked there afterwards as
 often as he pleased, not being denied the society of any that
 came to visit him. But within three days after his commitment
 he was sick in his stomach, and took a vomit, and the afternoon of
 the day he took it he complained that he was very sick and had a
 great pain in his head, which distemper continued and increased
 violently till his death, on 5 March.
- The first four days of his commitment he had the privatest
 chamber in the house, being no part of the common prison, but of
 the apartments of the keeper and his family, and being the best
 room then void, and had his wife's company till the 15th, when
 Mr. Hardcastle and Mr. Weeks were committed for the same
 offence; when they and Mr. Thompson requested the keeper to
 spare them the largest, fairest and most pleasant chamber in the
 prison, which was accordingly done, and they continued there, till,
 Mr. Thompson's sickness increasing, the others desired to have
 another chamber. On Mr. Thompson's death an inquest was held

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by one of the coroners. During all his imprisonment he was accommodated with all sorts of the best provisions and wines, and was attended by three physicians, all of whom agreed he died of a violent malignant fever, and he was decently interred in Christian burial. Mr. Andrew Gifford was committed about ten days after Mr. Thompson for the same offence.

Whereas it is reported that these gentlemen were put into a dungeon and denied necessary provisions, and constrained to suck liquor through a tobacco pipe, and that this and such like barbarous usage was through the Bishop of Bristol's order, the keeper utterly denies that any such usage ever was, nor was there any order from his lordship or any other for that purpose, but on the contrary the imprisonment of Mr. Thompson was, and that of the other three is, managed with so much Christian tenderness that they were admitted to partake of all the kindnesses their friends heaped upon them, which consisted in daily entertaining them with all sorts of the best provisions and wines.

With affidavit of the truth of the narrative, and with a preface that the Bishop of Bristol had permitted it to be published to undeceive those who have abused by the notoriously false reports concerning Thompson's imprisonment and death. For, whereas it has been commonly affirmed that he was by the Bishop's procuring thrown into a filthy dungeon, where the stench of the place and of a jakes near it, with the want of meat and drink and other necessaries had partly poisoned, partly starved him to death, and that his friends were forbidden to minister to him what he needed, the contrary is most true, he having the fairest lodgings in prison, being never unaccompanied by visitors, and scarcely having intermission from eating and drinking, till he had by a surfeit, whereof he died, made himself incapable of those pleasures to which he had been accustomed. London. Printed by William Godbid. Licensed by Thomas Tomkyns, 1 June, Lambeth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. Case F.*]

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Sir William Wentworth's case relating to the election at Thirsk, 18 Feb., 1672[-3]. He had 30 votes and Mr. Wharton but 15. The bailiff declared Sir William chosen, and adjourned the Court. Mr. Wharton's 15 electors then went to an alehouse and signed an indenture with five others incapable of voting. Mr. Wharton, without undue practices, could not have had above two votes. Mr. Wharton alleges that 5 of Sir William's electors were proved at the election to be cottages, and seven more were found not to have votes, but at the election none were challenged to be cottages, nor was exception taken to any but three, all of whom had their votes allowed at four former elections. Tuesday the 4th is the day of hearing. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 262.*) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 75.*]

May 1.

Commission to Augustine Sheldon to be cornet to the Duke of Monmouth. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 36.*]

May 2.

Sir Leoline Jenkins to Williamson. On behalf of the bearer, Mr. Morgan, a kinsman to the member of that name, and a great

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sufferer for the King, requesting a line to Dr. Busby that his child may be chosen into a King's scholar's place at Westminster School. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 870, No. 76.]

May 2.
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Richard Watts to Williamson. We suppose the wind is turning, and will bring the ships down from Gravesend. I desire to know in what ships or bound to what places in the Straits (if none to Algiers or Tripoli) I shall send your packets for the consuls at those places. After a long and great drought the earth has been refreshed with comfortable showers. [Ibid. No. 77.]

May 2.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. Yesterday the Earl of Inchiquin sailed with the *Adventure*. The wind has been favourable ever since, so he may expect a good passage. [Ibid. No. 78.]

May 2.
Dartmouth.

William Hurt to Williamson. This week the easterly wind has brought over here several vessels from Morlaix and in one of them bound for Southampton is come M. de Carwar (Keroualle), father of the Duchess of Portsmouth and Countess of Pembroke, to visit his daughters, intending first for Wilton House, as I am informed, but whether he will go hence by land or stay for a fair wind I think he is not yet resolved. [Ibid. No. 79.]

May 2.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. I have no list of ships, it being Sabbath. [Ibid. No. 80.]

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T. B. to ———. I gave you a little account of something concerning your business not long since, which I hope you received, though I have no answer. What occurs this term more about it of any consequence you shall be sure to have, but as yet I have little of any great concern except many high contests amongst several parties concerned, and it proceeds as yet no further than words, of which also you may know. As to news, here are strange discourses about many persons and things as about a test it was co[n]trived 2 t 8 s t, and where 4 t w 2 s c 5 t r 4 6 3 d and by whom and what is like to be the issues of it. Some talk much of new l a m p o o n s 1 2 9 p 5 5 8 s. If any of them come to my hand, as I am promised some, I may send them to you. Some murmur much, others doubt, but others hope well in the main, that all will be indifferent well, considering the present state of the world. Alderman Love a Parl[iament] man 2 1 d 3 r 9 2 8 L 5 6 8, 2 P 2 r l 9 2 8, tells a friend Court party that 'tis probable they will in the end do what the C 5 6 r t p 2 r t φ desires, but here is much doubting amongst our dissenting friends Liberty what will be done about L 4 b 3 r t φ when that comes in question. I hope to see you the first opportunity I can, and, if in anything you will further instruct me wherein I may do you any service this term, you shall find me your diligent and faithful friend.

Mr
Postscript.—If I may direct anything as you advised to 9 r
 John Holford of Tanten Deane
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 very well to your hand, let me know, or, if you would speak with me,
 let me know when and where, or if you have any very real friend by
 whom I may send to you. Some friends tell me that person, with
 whom some friends should have met about some concerns as you
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 know, has been in tr5b13 of late by 9 r S3cr4t2rϕ
 Coventry
 C5638trϕ about several things. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370,*
No. 81.]

May 3.
Whitehall.

8 May. [*Ibid.* No. 82.] *Annexed,*

1. *Two new fairs.*

8. *To attach goods as well as body in the town by the Sergeants at Mace, or to take bail bonds to answer the debt or plaint as is used by the sheriff of Yorkshire.*

4. *John Dickson, town clerk or clerk of the Peace, to continue for life.* [*Ibid.* No. 821.]

May 3. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 674, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 328. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 370, No. 83.]

May 3. Certificate by Sir William Peake that Peter Lembrack took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid.* No. 84.]

May 3. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Twenty light ships are in the bay expecting a fair wind for the northward. It is now much N., and has been so for several days. The master of a vessel from Norway informs us that the King of Denmark presses all the seamen they can light on for his men-of-war, and that the Hollanders send over a great many seamen to man their ships. [*Ibid.* No. 85.]

May 3. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind E. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 86.]

May 8. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last Monday went out 27 or 28
Pendennis. sail homeward-bound, the wind being N.W. There have since
come in, the wind coming easterly, about 50, many from France,
and two Virginia ships laden with tobacco. Several this morning

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tried to get out, the wind being N., but it presently clapped to the east, so they can do no good out. Last Wednesday came in the caper again to look after her two small French prizes. Wind E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 87.*]

May 3.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 28th was cast away near the Gull Rock, about 3 leagues eastward of this, a small vessel of Emden from Bordeaux with wine and brandy. All the men were saved and some of the goods, but the ship was lost. The *Bonadventure* of Topsham from Virginia came in here. They report that all provision is very scarce there, and that a multitude of squirrels comes down from the woods and eats up and destroys their corn and potatoes and their trees and other provisions, and that they have had a bad crop there this year. They have had also a very bad winter, which has destroyed most of their cattle. The *Prince* of Poole from Cadiz with oils for London came in here with four or five more from Port-o-port with oils and sugars for London. They report that about 18 or 20 men-of-war are coming out of Sallee, which will much infest these coasts. [*Ibid. No. 88.*]

May 3.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid. No. 89.*]

May 3.
Whitehall.

On the petition of Sir Edward Mansell praying that his grant of the offices of Chamberlain and Chancellor of South Wales and Steward of the Courts there may be renewed to him for the lives of his sons, Edward and Thomas, instead of the Earl of Manchester and Arthur, whose names were used in the former one for trust only, recommendation to the Lord Treasurer to give order for passing such a grant as is desired. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 22.*]

May 4.

Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 676*, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 329*. [*Two copies of the proceedings in the Lords'. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 90, 91.*]

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Account of the proceedings in both Houses concerning the differences between them with regard to the cases of *Shirley v. Fagg*, *Stoughton v. Onslow* and *Crispe v. Dalmahoy*, all of which fully appear from the *Journals* of the two Houses. Prefixed is an account of the proceedings in the House of Commons on 14 April. [*20 pages. Ibid. No. 92.*]

May 4.

Robert Wharton's case ordered to be heard 4 May at the Committee of Elections. The right of election is in the persons seised in fee of ancient burghage houses in Thirsk, who elect by prescription, not charter, two burgesses to parliament. Mr. Wharton was chosen burgess by 20 of the persons so seised, against the titles of 3 of whom to their houses Sir William Wentworth took exceptions, which were cleared. Sir William was chosen by 11 that had the right of election and by 12 more who pretended the right but had none. The borough bailiff, being a Popish Recusant, was very partial, and allowed all Sir William's voices and returned him as chosen by 23. Five of Sir William's voices are only owners of cottages which they bought six days before the election, the former owners of which never voted, the other 7 have not titles to vote, as

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was proved at the election, and will be proved again at the hearing of the cause. *Endorsed*, "Mr. Wharton's case, May 4, 1675." [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 93.*]

May 4.
Your
College,
Oxford
(Queen's).

John Skelton to Williamson. That you should so far suspend your great thoughts as to take notice of Queen's College, shows you imitate the great Creator's wisdom and goodwill, who, after He had built, took as great care to have His world well managed and ordered, and left not the meanest of His creatures without protection. 'Tis our great happiness we should so unanimously pitch on the same person for our governor in whose fortunes you write you have an interest. If we had the art of divining your inclinations, we should assuredly always thus anticipate your commands. I am confident I speak the sentiments of every man here, I do my own most unfeignedly without the least design, for I am too well acquainted with your goodness to be afraid of your greatness or to have any fatal apprehensions of your power. [*Ibid. No. 94.*]

May 4.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. This morning arrived one of our packet-boats which left the Brill last Sunday, but I could not hear of any news they brought. Yesterday we had a great number of ships here, most of them light, and the weather being fair and the wind coming somewhat west of north, where it continues to-day, caused most of them to sail towards evening, but now about noon, it blowing very fresh, many are hastening in again. [*Ibid. No. 95.*]

May 4.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. Yesterday the wind came to the north-west, and there sailed at least 100 ships, small and great, which had been here and at the Isle of Wight, wind-bound. The Earl of Inchiquin had a fair wind to reach Cork, where he was to take in his lady. [*Ibid. No. 96.*]

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Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. In Capt. Lanyon's absence informing him that no ships are arrived, and that there is nothing worth his notice there. *Misdated* "4 April," but *endorsed* "4 May." [*Ibid. No. 97.*]

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Case of John Sayer, John Billingsley, Thomas Blagrove, Richard Kinsey and Thomas Dyos. By an Act of 20 Car. II. 310,000*l.* was given to the King, which was to be raised on wines, &c., vended and retailed between 24 June, 1668, and 24 June, 1670, and the Act was not to continue in force any longer; the 10,000*l.* was appointed for the charges of levying the money. For security of lenders, a register was appointed, and all orders signed for repayment were to be entered, and paid in course to the lenders, and the money was not to be converted to any other use. The persons above named, together with Deremer, since deceased, Wadlow, Hargrave and Henderson agreed with the King to lend the whole 300,000*l.*, 18 Aug., 1668, and the King assigned to them the benefit of the said Act, and appointed the Commissioners for putting the Act in execution to pay the money to be levied to them, to their own use. The first 5 named persons and Deremer, 20 Nov., 1669, sold their orders for repayment to Wadlow, and divested themselves of all

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interest and benefit in the said Act. On 24 June, 1670, another Act was granted for a new imposition on wines and for raising a further sum for payment of such orders as were registered and not satisfied by the money raised on the first Act; the King, without the privity of the 6 persons above named, appointed Commissioners to put the Act in execution, and the Treasury Commissioners by their warrant appointed payment of the money to be levied by the latter Act to Wadlow, Hargrave and Henderson, which order was afterwards revoked, 24 Dec., 1670, and the money ordered to be paid into the Exchequer; but in the meantime 52,700*l.* had been paid to the 3 last named persons. The Attorney-General filed a bill against all the parties for an account of the moneys raised upon the two Acts. Sayer, Billingsley, Blagrove, Kinsey, Dyos and Deremer answered and confessed themselves accountable jointly with Wadlow, Hargrave and Henderson for the money raised by the first Act, because the King appointed the moneys to be levied to be paid to them jointly, but not for the 52,700*l.* levied on the second and paid to Wadlow, Hargrave, and Henderson without their privity, nor had they had any interest therein; yet they are decreed to account jointly with them for the whole money. Upon a petition to the King and Council it was referred to the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Treasurer and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to consider what was fit to be done for the petitioners' relief, and that the said decree should be put in execution against Wadlow, but that no further proceedings should be taken against the others until the Lords had made their report and further order should be given. They have used their utmost endeavours to get the same heard by the Referees but without effect, and, as the money supposed to be due upon the said decree has been granted away by a privy seal, Sayer, Billingsley, Blagrove, Kinsey, and Dyos (Deremer being dead) are violently prosecuted, attachments have been awarded against them, and they and their families are threatened with inevitable ruin. They therefore pray that their case may be heard by his Majesty in Council, and that all proceedings may be stayed in the meantime. (*See Privy Council Register, Vol. XI., p. 411, under 5 May, 1675.*) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 98.*]

May 5. Journal of proceedings in the House of Lords that day. The House, being resolved into a Committee to consider heads for a bill for the better securing the Protestant religion, agreed that the disarming of Popish Recusants be one head. Then entering into debate of the next head proposed, viz., that no Romish priest attend the Queen but such as are foreigners, and such now attending her as are otherwise may be removed, and that, after the death or removal of such other servants as at present attend her, none be admitted in their rooms but such as are Protestants or foreigners, after some time spent in debate thereof, by reason of a message from the House of Commons concerning the privilege of Sir John Fagg, who is defendant to an appeal depending here, which took up the rest of the day, ordered that the House be in a Committee again upon heads on Saturday morning. [*Ibid. No. 99.*]

May 5. Journal of proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 380.* [*Ibid. No. 100.*]

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May 5. Warrant from the Duke of Monmouth to Col. Scott and in his
Whitehall. absence to the lieutenant-colonel or major with five captains to hold courts-martial for the trial of offenders whether officers or private soldiers of the Duke's foot regiment in the French service, with full power to punish all crimes and misdemeanours according to the discipline of war, and, the case requiring, to give sentence of death against any officer or soldier and to see the same immediately executed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 35.*]
- May 5. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of William
Whitehall. and John Cooke and John Hoskins and the annexed paper praying for a pardon for forgery, subornation and perjury. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 22.*]
- May 5. Presentation of John Hinton, M.A., to the rectory of Newbury,
Whitehall. Berkshire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 6.*]
- May 5. Grant to Philip, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, to be Lord
Whitehall. Lieutenant of Wiltshire. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 58.*]
- [Before
May 6.] A particular deduction of the case of William Eyre, concerning his right to the half barony of Shelelah (Shillelagh) and castle of Carnow, co. Wicklow, now in the possession of William, Earl of Strafford, presented to the King and both Houses of Parliament.
- Calcot Chambre sold a very considerable estate in Oxfordshire, and with the purchase money bought the half barony of Shelelah and castle of Carnow, containing about 60,000 acres, and 18 Aug., 1629, made a lease thereof to James and Nathaniel Fiennes and John Crew for 200 years from his death, in trust for payment of his debts and legacies, and subject thereto to such uses as he should by deed or will appoint, and in default thereof to the use of his own right heirs.
- The said Chambre died, having by his will given all his lands to his son, Calcot Chambre, and likewise all his goods and chattels, and appointed him sole executor. After his decease the said trustees by virtue of the said lease possessed themselves of the premises, and agreed to lease them to Sandford, a son-in-law of Calcot Chambre, senior, one of the principal creditors and legatees, for 3 years, for payment of the debts and legacies, he allowing young Chambre 300*l.* a year for his maintenance.
- But the late Earl of Strafford, then Lord Deputy, having even in the life time of Calcot Chambre, the elder, attempted to render the said estate forfeited as plantation lands, caused another inquisition to be taken, endeavouring to represent it as forfeited by making the said 200 years' lease, but the title and estate being clear, and it not being in the King's disposal to grant any *custodium* and no forfeiture being made, great endeavours were made to the three clerks of Sir Philip Percival, then Registrar of the Court of Wards, if they would alter the demicle of the last mentioned inquisition, who informed their master, Sir Philip, who strictly commanded all his said clerks not to attempt such things or he would turn them out of their places.

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A plot was laid to get the estate by another way into the hands of the Earl's creatures and agents without paying any valuable consideration. Chambre, the younger, coming to Dublin with his wife to live in England with his father-in-law till the said three years were expired, was persuaded by the Earl's agents to use means to get Sandford out of the estate, and to arrest him for 7,000*l.* he was to account for in his father's time when he managed the estate, but the next morning Chambre himself was made prisoner for the mourning for his father's funeral, and Sandford, on posting to Dublin to pay the debt, was told, if he went to him, he would be arrested for 7,000*l.*, on which he went and took counsel with the Earl, who advised him instead of releasing his brother to clap another arrest on him for 1,000*l.* pretendedly due to Sandford, and Chambre and Sandford being thus set at variance, the Earl caused Sir P. Percival and others to propose they might have a lease of the estate for 22 years for the use of the Countess of Carlisle, paying 4,000*l.* fine and 500*l.* per annum and the third penny profit of the wood, and the said agents persuaded Chambre to petition the Earl that the lease to Sandford might not go but the lease proffered by Sir Philip might be perfected, that he might receive the 4,000*l.* to pay the debts and legacies and get out of prison.

This petition the Earl transmitted to the late King and Council, seeming to commiserate Chambre's condition and desiring their order to compel the trustees to consent, they living in England. The trustees were summoned before the Council, who alleged they were making a much more advantageous lease to Sandford, on which the King and Council ordered, 17 Jan., 1637[-8], that the business should be wholly remitted to the Earl of Strafford to perfect the lease to the Countess of Carlisle (which was in truth for himself) or to make any better bargain for the petitioner.

Chambre then petitioned the Earl and the Council that the lease propounded by Percival might not be made good, for he could have a much better bargain, his brother-in-law, Lord Brabazon, offering a much larger rent and fine, but the Earl refused this offer, contrary to the King's orders, and caused the lease to Percival to be perfected by a special order on the terms first offered by him, nor were the fine, rent, or third penny of the profit of the woods ever paid, or, if any of the 4,000*l.* was paid, it was after Chambre's death and to whom the Earl and his agents pleased.

Sandford being thus turned out and the Earl's agents put in possession, Chambre was still detained a prisoner, and petitioned the Earl that the 4,000*l.* fine might be paid, that he might pay his debts and get out of prison. On this the Earl caused an agent to tell him that the 4,000*l.* fine would not pay his debts and to persuade him to sell the reversion for 13,200*l.* (Account of how by Chambre being kept a prisoner and ill treated he and his wife were induced to sell the reversion.) A fine was next day clapt up and a deed of 2 Nov., 1638, sealed by Chambre for the reversion only to Joshua Carpenter, Henry Wentworth and others, intended, though not expressed, for the use of the Earl in fee simple, for 13,200*l.*, mentioned therein as the consideration, though the estate was then worth above 120,000*l.*, but of even that money only 500*l.* was ever paid which was to one Chambre of Minmore for relinquishing all

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his pretension to the premises. This deed and fine, which were obtained not only by duress but directly contrary to the King's order, being executed, Chambre was released but died a few days afterwards, the end of Nov., 1638, leaving two children, a son that died soon after, and a daughter.

The said Chambre, 17 Aug., 1638, made his will, bequeathing all his lands to his wife for 12 years, and in remainder one moiety to her for her life, the other moiety to his heirs male, and for want of an heir male to his uncle, Chambre of Minmore, in tail male, and bequeathing 2,000*l.* to his daughter and making his wife sole executrix and giving her all his goods and chattels, whereby she became entitled to the lease of 200 years and the 13,200*l.* agreed to be given for the reversion. Whatever was given to Chambre of Minmore by will or otherwise was sold by him a year after Chambre's death to his relict, so that the Minmore family have no pretence of any right to it.

Chambre, the younger, thus dying without signing any deed to lead the uses of the said fine, and his will being concealed, the Earl's agents set up a nuncupative will supposed to be made by him, and made Mary, his relict, prove the same, and also a lease and release of 3 Nov., 1638, supposed to be made by the said Chambre only, of all the premises and a deed of uses or covenants of the same date between Carpenter and others, the Earl's trustees, of the one part, and the said Chambre, Squire Lester, his father-in-law, Job Ward that afterwards married his relict, and the said Chambre of Minmore, pretended trustees for him, of the other part, whereby the said Carpenter, &c., covenanted to lay out 13,200*l.* in land to be conveyed to the said trustees for Chambre for several uses therein mentioned, but both these deeds were false and hatched after Chambre's death.

The nuncupative will and these deeds being thus admitted and Ward having married Mary Chambre, and they desiring the Earl that the 13,200*l.* might be laid out in land for Calcot, the infant son of Calcot Chambre, the younger, the Earl making Ward his favourite, caused the infant to petition that the trustees, Fiennes and Crew, might give up their trust in the said lease of 200 years, who, induced by the supposititious deeds and a decree in Chancery founded thereon, were prevailed on to sell the lease to persons for the use of Carpenter, &c., but on condition that the said 13,200*l.* should be paid or laid out in purchasing land of inheritance according to the said articles, which was never performed. The late Earl indeed pretended to purchase a place called Renalaghs or Knockbrea, which was no real inheritance, being a lease for years.

In 1640 Chambre's real will was discovered and proved and the nuncupative will set aside, on which the Earl being at a stand, he, having about Trinity term, 1637, caused a case called the case of tenures on defective titles to be made, comprised the premises therein and about 1640 obtained an Act of the Irish Parliament, as is pretended, whereby the said half barony were vested in his Majesty or any he should grant them to as plantation lands and defective titles, whereon he obtained letters patent under the Great Seal of Ireland granting the premises to persons in trust for his son, now Earl of Strafford, who has since renewed the said letters patent, and thereby

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and by the said Act he holds possession, whereas the premises were not plantation lands, nor was the old Mr. Chambre's title in any way defective nor were they ever forfeited or sequestered to the Crown.

In 1647 the suppliant Eyre married the said Mary, formerly relict of the said Chambre, the younger, and therefore ought to have enjoyed the premises for the remainder of the said 200 years, and accordingly most of the said writings came into his hands and also the said lease, but he was deprived of them by deceit and subtilty and many of them came into the hands of the now Earl and his agents.

Eyre being a close prisoner in Warwick Castle in 1649, Judge Advocate Whaley, formerly Mrs. Eyre's servant in Ireland, persuaded her to make Col. James Temple her daughter's guardian, lest Cromwell, on account of her husband, should sequester the estate, and she accordingly trusted Temple with most of the said writings concerning the estate, which he refused to deliver when requested to do so by Eyre and his wife in 1650, and inveigled the daughter to marry his youngest son, Alexander.

Eyre in the latter part of 1650 entered on his estate in right of his wife, and the then Council put him in possession thereof and he held it for several years, but, he being made a prisoner again by Cromwell for many years, the Earl of Strafford and Col. Temple and his son Alexander and his wife commenced many suits to oust him from the premises of which he was in possession and used the said writings which Temple had unduly deprived him of, and redelivered the lease of 200 years to the now Lord Crew, one of the trustees, who has acknowledged that he has it and is ready to deliver it to whom a Court shall command.

The first suit was on behalf of the Countess of Carlisle for the said lease of 22 years, though she had not paid a penny rent nor any profit of the woods, so that it was long since void.

In 1657 all the suits came to a hearing and Chancellor Steele judged that the reversion might belong to the Earl of Strafford because of the fine, though surreptitiously obtained, but the Court was of opinion that the lease of 200 years belonged to Eyre in right of his wife and therefore dismissed the said Earl and Countess with all their suits and seemed resolved to continue Eyre in possession in right of his wife.

The Earl's agent then produced the said Act for strengthening defective titles, among which the estate of Shelalah was foisted in untruly as aforesaid, on which the Chancellor deferred his judgment till next term, expecting the cross bill of Eyre and his wife would then come to a hearing.

Before the next term the Earl and his agents put in a plea to the said cross bill waiving all pretence of titles, and challenged the said estate merely by the said Act, and letters patents thereon granted 28 Sept., 1641, to George Carr and others for the use of the now Earl of Strafford. Eyre being a prisoner, and his counsel neglecting to argue the said plea or to bring that cause to a hearing, the Chancellor pronounced his decree in the other cause wherein the Earl's agents were plaintiffs, and gave away Eyre's possession, not on any other title the Earl had, but merely by that pretended Act, declaring it was chiefly to be considered

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whether it be a defective title or not, and therefore gave the Earl possession only till he was outed by due course of law or further order of the Court, and blamed Eyre's counsel for not bringing his cross bill together to a hearing, and told them there was speaking of a will and inquisition proving the estate was no defective title, and that he believed there were such things but they were not judicially before him, and he therefore advised Eyre to appeal to a Parliament, which would undoubtedly do him right, which he, being of an inferior Court, had not power to do.

(Account of how Eyre was kept a prisoner till the fall of Richard Cromwell and again after the restoration was kept in close prison for above 10 years on unfounded charges of treason.)

When released he made his humble address for the recovery of his just rights in the said estate, wrongfully, as he conceives and is advised, withheld from him, these continued troubles (he fears purposely contrived) being the only cause he did not do so sooner.

While in prison for pretended contempt of court under that inevitable necessity, Chancellor Eustace granted an injunction and turned his wife and family out of the estate of Renelaghs too, and they have ever since been kept out of it, which was pretended to be purchased with the money to be given for the reversion of Shelalah. Mrs. Eyre fainted for want in the streets of Dublin, and died two hours after, crying that her daughter Temple had broken her heart, for she and her husband enjoy all the Earl or his ancestors gave for Shelalah (except the 500*l.* to Chambre of Minmore), though the whole of the 13,200*l.* belonged to Eyre in right of his wife as a chattel, and the judges declared that whatever purchase money they paid to any but Eyre they paid in their own wrong, which caused the now Earl to take a bond from Temple to keep him harmless from Eyre, for Mrs. Chambre's daughter had a distinct portion of 2,000*l.* by her father's will, though now they would make her heir of all they have left the family.

(Arguments to prove from the premises that both the inheritance and the lease of the said estate were vested in Eyre's wife.)

By an affidavit made by a person of credit, who was present on the scaffold at the death of the late Earl of Strafford, it appears that the detention of the said estate is contrary to his lordship's resolutions, the deponent making oath that he heard the Earl a short time before his death command Sir George Wentworth to charge his son upon his blessing not to claim any right to the estate of Chambre (by name) in Wicklow, Bourke's estate in Connaught or any other estates in Ireland but what he had legally and justly purchased for his money on valuable considerations, and that he should disclaim any right or title to the same.

In consideration of all which the ruined suppliant humbly makes his address to his Majesty and the most High Court of Parliament to relieve him by the restitution of his just rights so long wrongfully detained from him. [*Printed paper. 31 pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 158.*]

[Before
May 6.]

"The case of William Eyre concerning his estate in Ireland, truly stated and humbly presented to the King's most excellent Majesty and both Houses of Parliament." (Paper similar to the

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last and in great part agreeing *verbatim* with it.) *Endorsed*, "1675, Mr. Eyre's case." [*Printed*. 16 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 385, No. 159.]

[Before
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"A Brief of the Case of William Eyre," being a summary of the contents of the last two papers. (For these three documents see *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII.*, p. 681, p. 689 and p. 708, under 6, 11 and 28 May, the first entry being that William Eyre appeared at the bar and owned "The Case of William Eyres" complained of by the Earl of Strafford and said that he would justify the contents thereof, the second being a reference to the Committee of Privileges of the examination of the matter of calumny in the said case complained of as a scandalous paper by the Earl of Strafford, and the third being a reference to the same Committee of the reflections in the said case on trustees, whereof Lord Crew was one; and also the *Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Part II.*, p. 68.) [*Printed. Ibid.* No. 160.]

May 6.

Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII.*, p. 680, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX.*, p. 381. [*Two copies of the Commons' proceedings. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, Nos. 101, 102.]

May 6.

Patent appointing William Jennison town-clerk of Newcastle-on-Tyne, given under the common seal of the town. [*Latin. Copy. Ibid.* No. 103.]

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Elizabeth Vyner to Williamson. My son presumed to present you with the enclosed letter written in French, how fit for your perusal I know not, but I hope you will excuse the defects of his youth, and retain your kind resolution of giving him an employment under you. [*Ibid.* No. 104.] *Enclosed*,

Thomas Vyner to Williamson. Asking pardon for not having written to him, but as yet he does not know French enough to express his civilities. Has begged his mother to assure him always that he desires to be able to serve him and to preserve his favour. Saumur, April 20. [French. Ibid. No. 104 i.]

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Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The *Pearl* with the Swedish ships under her convoy sailed this morning and so are a great number of light ships bound N., the wind being W., which has also cleared our harbour of all the ships that have taken shelter here for above six weeks, by reason the wind has continued so long in the East. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]

May 6.

Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This afternoon arrived the *Phoenix* from Guinea and Barbados, in which voyage the captain and many of her company died. His Majesty about eight days ago made the lieutenant captain, and his commission lying ready for him here was delivered him two hours before he anchored. Yesterday afternoon the wind came westerly. The *Phoenix* reports that 100 merchant ships are coming up the Channel for the Downs. The packets for Algiers and Tripoli are yet in my hands. I desire orders in what Straits ships to put them, or if I shall send them up. Wind W., not a topsail gale. [*Ibid.* No. 106.]

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Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. About 4 yesterday morning a packet-boat went to sea with the mail that came from London Tuesday night, and some few passengers for Calais. We hear this morning that the Nieuport packet is arrived in the Downs with the mail and passengers, notwithstanding the wind and weather were very good for them to come into the harbour, but the design of those packet-boat masters is to spite the clerk of the passage all they can, and to smuggle prohibited goods in the Downs or at St. Margaret Stairs three miles beyond Dover Castle. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 107.]

May 6.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 108.]

May 6.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. The 3rd and 4th put out hence a fleet of merchantmen of about 20 sail that had been wind-bound. Wind N.W. The 5th came in here the *Prosperous* of Falmouth from Vannes for Stockton with rye. They speak much of the late disorders there about the taxes, and say that there is another tax coming, that all merchants, peasants, and others, that cannot make out that they are gentlemen, shall pay a rate called the Grand Fifth, besides the great rates on all the poor people. They generally talk very high, and some of the better sort, that they should have such taxes brought upon them in Brittany, which has been free in so many King's reigns. Several have been killed at Rennes, their head Parliament city, about these taxes. [*Ibid.* No. 109.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid.* No. 110.]

May 6.

Pass to Baron Hartsfeldt for transporting two geldings to Hamburg. [*Precedents* 1, f. 65.]

May 7.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day. Sir J. Fagg being at the door and called in desired longer time to answer the petition, which was granted him till Wednesday next. Richard Vincon, servant to the Duchess of Cleveland, being arrested and complaint made thereof, it is referred to the Committee of Privileges to examine what has been done in the case of privilege of Parliament allowed to noble women and widows of peers and to report the same to the House. The House then resolved into a Grand Committee on the bill for the Test. On debate it was resolved that there shall be both a declaration and an oath distinct in this bill, but the declaration only subscribed to, and the oath only sworn to. The beginning of the declaration, viz., I, A.B., do declare that it is not lawful upon any pretence whatsoever to take up arms against the King, was presently agreed to, and the second sentence, viz., and that I abhor that traitorous position of taking arms by his authority against his person, after a long debate was agreed to by the Question. The House being resumed and report made that some progress had been made, they appointed to be on this bill in a Committee again next Monday and so adjourned till to-morrow. (See the *Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Part II., p. 51.*) [*Three copies with some slight differences. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, Nos. 111-113.]

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Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear by *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 331. [Two copies. *S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 370, Nos. 114, 115.]

May 7.
Whitehall.

The King's answer to the address concerning the Duke of Lauderdale. (Printed in *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 332.) [Two copies. *Ibid.* Nos. 116, 117.]

Draft thereof in Williamson's hand with an alternative clause to follow the words "General Pardon," not inserted in the message as sent, viz., "And, if any man may be questioned for offences committed before the last Act of General Pardon, by the same reason offences committed before the former Act of Oblivion may also be brought into question, which his Majesty would be most unwilling to give his subjects any just occasion to apprehend." [*Ibid.* No. 118.]

Another copy of the above answer. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1*, p. 59.]

May 7.
Newcastle.

Anthony Isaacson to Williamson. We have a very backward spring and a great drought occasioned by the pinching N.E. winds, which also keep all trade from us. Yesterday, after ten days' sickness mostly of a lethargy, died here Mr. John Clark, burgess for Cockermouth. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 370, No. 119.]

May 7.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 120.] *Enclosed*,
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 120r.]

May 7.

Commission to Cornet Langston to be cornet to Capt. Hill. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 41*, p. 29.]

May 7.

Caveat in favour of Sir John Nicholas that no grant pass for a market to be kept at Cataricke, Yorkshire, without notice to him. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 45*, p. 9.]

May 7.
Whitehall.

Reference of the petition of Capt. Thomas Corbin, Surveyor-General of the King's Woods beyond Trent, representing that his salary of 50*l.* *per annum* has been stopped since 1672, to the Lord Treasurer, that he may give such orders for settling and paying the said salary and the arrears thereof as he shall think fit, or otherwise report what may be done for the petitioner's gratification. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 46*, p. 23.]

May 7.
Whitehall.

Pass for embarking and transporting to France or elsewhere beyond the seas 12 horses for the use of the Chevalier de Vendosme. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1*, p. 59.]

May 7.

Warrant to the Earl of Winchilsea to be Lord Lieutenant of Somerset during the minority of the Duke of Somerset. [*Precedents 1*, f. 66.]

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Request of Lady Wentworth on behalf of her daughter Henrietta, grandchild of the late Earl of Cleveland, daughter and heir of Thomas, Lord Wentworth, and of Lady Lovelace, the only daughter of the said Earl, and her son, Lord Lovelace, that the House of

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Commons will not pass the bill presented by Lady Poole for selling the said Earl's estate, for payment of a pretended debt, which she never claimed by law. [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 121.*]

[May 7.] Statement of the case of the said Henrietta Maria, Lady Wentworth, showing that the late Earl of Cleveland and Lord Wentworth, his son, made many efforts to clear off their debts, and that an Act was passed by which the Barons of the Exchequer were authorized for seven years in a summary way to state accounts between the said Earl and his creditors, which being done the trustees named in the Act were to sell land to pay the debts mentioned therein, in which the pretended debt of 6,000*l.* (to Lady Poole and Dorothy and Lucy Withypoole) is not named; that another Act was passed giving further powers to which a proviso touching the said pretended debt was added without the Earl's knowledge, but there was so much difficulty in proceeding thereon that nothing was done by virtue of the Acts, and that since the Earl's death Lady Wentworth on her daughter's behalf has done much, by purchasing in mortgages, to redeem the property. During all this time neither Lady Poole nor Dorothy nor Lucy Withypoole ever applied for or demanded the said pretended debt till about a month ago by Mr. Powell. Lady Wentworth and her daughter will waive her privilege and submit to be proceeded against by law. She hopes, therefore, that no unusual remedy will be provided for Lady Poole or any other creditor of the Earl. [*Printed paper. Ibid. No. 122.*]

[May 7.] Answer by Lady Wentworth, in behalf of herself and her infant daughter, and of the Dowager Lady Lovelace and Lord Lovelace, her son, to the paper delivered at the door of the House of Commons by Lady Poole, accusing the House of Peers or the family of the Earl of Cleveland of obliterating her name out of the Act presented for payment of the Earl of Cleveland's debts when it came to the royal assent, &c., and controverting her other statements. [*Printed paper. Ibid. No. 123.*]

[May 7.] Reply to the above answer, declaring the first Act passed for the Earl of Cleveland was not for the advantage of his general creditors, but only of those who petitioned; that Lady Poole's name was obliterated therefrom; that the Earl owed it kindness in her to accept 6,000*l.* when above 30,000*l.* was due; that application has often been made for the money; with a request for a further enlargement of the time granted by the two former Acts for settling the estate. (For all these papers see *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., pp. 331, 332.) [*Printed paper. Ibid. No. 124.*]

May 8. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which partly appear by *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 681. It adds:—The House went into a Grand Committee to consider of the heads for securing the Protestant religion, and agreed on the following head, viz., that no Romish priest attend her Majesty but such as are foreigners except Mr. Huddleston, and that after her present Majesty's death no servants may be admitted to attend any future Queen but such as are Protestants or foreigners, which after being

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reported to the House, they appointed to be in a Committee again next Tuesday. [*Four copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 125-128.*]

May 8. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear by *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 333. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 129, 130.*]

May 8. The King's answer to the address for recalling his subjects from
Whitehall. the French service. (Printed in *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 333.) [*Ibid. No. 131; and Precedents, 1, f. 69.*]

May 8. Richard Gleadow to Williamson. Last Thursday the wind
Hull. presenting westerly, which for a long time had been easterly and northerly, set a great fleet from hence to sea, some for Eastland, two great flyboats for Greenland, and some for Holland. The *Endeavour* of Hull sailed last week for Holland, but was forced back into the Humber by contrary winds, and coming at night near the Humber's mouth had run on a new sand lately grown there, and undoubtedly miscarried, had the master not had the benefit of two new lighthouses lately erected on the Spurn, by which means he came in safe. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 132.*]

May 8. Richard Watts to Williamson. To-day the *Soldate*, commonly
Deal. called the Queen's frigate, arrived in the Downs, but stayed not, the wind being very fair between S. and S.E. [*Ibid. No. 133.*]

May 8. Secretary Coventry to Mr. Percival, Deputy Governor of Deal
Castle. Signifying the King's pleasure that he make his appearance before the King and Council on 12 May, and adding that, as he will see him so soon, he will not reply to his letter of the 5th instant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 14, p. 137.*]

May 8. The King to [the Warden, &c., of Manchester Collegiate Church].
Whitehall. He had required them by his letter of 2 Nov., 1670, to admit George Ogden, M.A., to the next vacant fellowship; but he finds another has been admitted by virtue of a letter obtained from him some time after. He therefore requires them to elect and admit Ogden on the next vacancy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, p. 66.*]

May 8. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of William Denny,
rector of East Harling, Norfolk, who being sued for non-residence and condemned in 80*l.* fine, prays for the King's moiety. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 22.*]

May 8. Warrants to the Lord Keeper to affix the Great Seal to the
Whitehall. ratifications of even date of an article agreed between the King and the States General for the prevention of differences between the English and Dutch East India Companies, and for composing amicably any that may arise, and of a declaration that the ninth article of the treaty concluded with the States General $\frac{1}{10}$ Feb., 1673-4, was fulfilled without any further proceedings thereon. Minutes. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 62.*]

May 8. Warrant for a grant to Horatio Moore of the place of Master of
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his life, in reversion after Thomas Cooke, the present Master, with the fees of *8d. per diem* granted to John Webb by King James, and *120l. per annum* granted by the late King when Prince of Wales, and with all other advantages thereto belonging. [*Precedents* 1, f. 68.]

May 9.
Garnon Hall.

Hugh Morrell to Williamson. My humble desire is only that my petition may be read, and not so as to have your Honour appear more for me than as a member of the Council. My relation now also at the Board presents my addresses of this nature to his Grace of Canterbury, the Lord Treasurer, Lord Holles, and Sir Edward Salter; in whose hand are my petition and accounts of state, whereby to have some conclusion. To be in a suffering condition, I and mine, at the age of 82 should move the hearts of those in place and power. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 134.]

May 9.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning arrivals and departures of the mails and packet-boats. [*Ibid.* No. 135.]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 136.]

May 9.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. Yesterday came in a Dutch East India ship of about 8 or 900 tons, outward bound, which is yet in harbour to be supplied with a mainmast which she lost in a late storm. There is a report that her captain said they saw a vessel somewhat off Scilly of about 150 or 170 tons lying in the sea with her keel upward. [*Ibid.* No. 137.]

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Warrant for a privy seal for making an instalment to Peter, Bishop of Ely, on his own security alone, of his first-fruits, to be paid in four years by four equal shares, with a proviso, in case the Bishop should die or be removed from the bishopric within four years, for discharging him or his representatives from any parts not then due, inasmuch the first-fruits, amounting to 2,134*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*, reduced by deduction of the tenth to 1,921*l.* 8*s.* 7½*d.*, are higher than those of any other bishopric except Winchester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 67.]

May 9.
Whitehall.

Warrant to insert Thomas Wright, condemned at the Cambridge-shire Assizes for burglary, but reprieved, in the next general pardon, without the proviso for transportation, he being only 16 years of age. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 131.]

May 9.
Whitehall.

Commission to Sir Jonathan Atkins, Governor of the Island of Barbados and [others] to try Colonel Philip Warner, accused of the murder of Thomas Warner, esq., Deputy Governor of the Island of Dominico, first having made him drunk with the whole of his company to the number of sixty or seventy persons. (Calendared in *S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1674-6, p. 228.) [*Ibid.* f. 132.]

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Caveat that nothing pass concerning a Fellow's place in Manchester College till notice be given to Secretary Coventry, the first vacant one being promised to George Ogden. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, p. 9.]

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May 9. Whitehall. Warrant to the Duke of Ormonde to swear Henry Bulkeley into the place of Master of the Household in reversion after Sir Herbert Price. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 60.*]
- May 9. Whitehall. Secretary Coventry to the Attorney-General. Signifying the King's pleasure that he prepare a proclamation strictly forbidding the King's subjects from going to serve in foreign parts as soldiers, and bring it to the Council next Wednesday. [*Precedents 1, f. 66.*]
- May 9. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to John Harris, his heirs and assigns, of the office of Chafewax in Chancery with the fee of 2½*d. per diem*, and an annuity of 360*l.* for providing the necessary wax, for the lives of his sons John and Thomas, in reversion after Stephen Chase, the father, and Stephen Chase, his son, who are in possession of the said office for their lives and the life of the survivor. [*2½ pages. Ibid. f. 70.*]
- May 10. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day. The House being in Committee, the second part of the declaration in the bill for the Test was read, viz., Or against those that are commissioned by him in pursuance of such commission, and after some time spent in debate it was agreed to be thus worded:— Or against those that are commissioned by him according to law in time of rebellion or war, acting in pursuance of such commissions: The Declaration being finished it was proposed that the oath might run thus:— I, A.B., swear that I will not endeavour to subvert the Protestant religion now established in the Church of England, nor to subvert the government either in Church or State. The further consideration thereof was adjourned till Wednesday morning.
The bill to prevent frauds and perjuries reported and ordered to be engrossed.
The Test as now agreed on:— I, A.B., do declare that it is not lawful on any pretence whatever to take arms against the King, and that I do abhor that traitorous position of taking arms by his authority against his person or against those that are commissioned by him according to law in time of rebellion or war, acting in pursuance of such commissions, and also take the oath following. (*See the Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Part II., pp. 51, 52.*) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 138.*]
- May 10. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 334, except that it is added that the Committee on the consideration of his Majesty's answer concerning the recall of his subjects from the French service came to no resolve. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 139, 140.*]
- May 10. Whitehall. Request by Secretary Coventry that a *caveat* may be entered in Secretary Williamson's office that no grant of the Cursitor Baron's place be passed or offered for the King's signature to the prejudice of Mr. Justice Crawley, to whom his Majesty has promised it, when void. [*Ibid. No. 141.*]

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May 10. **Bridlington.** T. Aslaby to Williamson. Last night anchored in this bay above 100 light ships for Newcastle and Sunderland, and this morning they loosed and are standing away to the North, the wind being W.S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 142.*]
- May 9 2 10.** T. B. to ————. I have writ twice to you since I saw you, since this term began, wherein I gave you all the account of the particulars of your business that I was capable of, and have endeavoured faithfully and diligently to serve you. As to news here, there are many strange discourses. Some say there is a sermon about some things said to be preached before the H[ouse] of Co[mmons]. The text 1 Cor. vi, part of the 19th and 20th verses. 'Tis in manuscript, but as yet not come to my hands. Some talk much of many of them after the manner of the text. Much there is said about the Test Latherdall T s t and about L[ord] L 2 t 7 3 r d 2 l and many other things. I was to see you several times, but could not have opportunity, but as to your business (in the main) you shall find me your real friend. I entreat you to send me word whether you had this and two others not long before. [*Ibid. No. 143.*]
- May 10.** **Whitehall.** Additional instructions from the Duke of Monmouth to Col. Scott.
 1. You shall enjoin the officers in England to repair to their respective commands, and, if any officer neglect to join the regiment within a month after this date, he shall be cashiered, unless he be excusable by sickness or absent upon pass, and I hereby give you power to place others in the room of those that fail of their duty.
 2. I hereby give you power to fill up whatever lieutenants' or ensigns' places shall fall vacant after your arrival at the regiment, with the persons you think most deserving, anything in my former instructions to the contrary notwithstanding, but in the vacancies of my captains you are to accept my nomination of the person to succeed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 34.*]
- May 10.** *Caveat* that no pardon pass to Mr. Banister for killing Mr. Slaughter till Sir Thomas Slaughter has notice. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 9.*]
- May 10.** **Whitehall.** Confirmation of all the charters of the borough of Pontefract, with the additions mentioned in the paper annexed, being those calendared *ante*, p. 97. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 60.*]
- May.** **Whitehall.** Warrant for the above grant and confirmation. Draft. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 144.*] *Annexed,*
Privileges to be inserted in the new charter, being those calendared ante, p. 97. [Ibid. No. 144 r.]
- May 10.** **Whitehall.** Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay Nicholas Staggin, Master of the Music, 100*l.* a year, to commence from Midsummer 1673, without account, for such uses as the King shall direct. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 61.*]

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May 10. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Renewing the
Whitehall. command to them in his letter of 16 July, 1674, not to suffer any
men to be levied in or transported from Scotland into any foreign
service without his special licence. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant
Book 3, p. 236.*]
- May 10. Susanna Durham to Williamson. The great kindness my
Dublin. husband, Major James Durham, and I had from my near kinsman,
Sir E. Nicholas, and by your assistance at his desire in 1660 and 1661,
viz., his Majesty's letter of 17 Sept., 1660, to Lord Robartes, then
intended Lord Deputy, for a foot company to my husband, but, that
Lord not then coming over, that letter proved ineffectual, all
troops and companies being then soon disposed of, and afterwards
that of 22 June, 1661, for him to be muster-master general of all
the trained bands, &c., in Munster and Connaught, which, meeting
with some opposition here, my husband waived, and was at the
charges of a patent for the first company that should fall, but being
wearied out accepted a lieutenant's place which he held till 1672,
when his company with many others was disbanded; yet the Lord
Lieutenant ordered him with two privates out of each company in
Leinster and Ulster to take charge of the island of Innis Boffin and
the fort there; the like favour was not granted to any that were
disbanded. And, because he was not a commissioned officer, and
so not payable by the establishment, he was paid out of the
concordatums till Nov. last, when his Excellency ordered an entire
company to repair thither, and the commanded men under him to
repair to their respective companies. I therefore as a relation humbly
request you to prevent my coming over to trouble you by procuring
his Majesty's letter on my husband's behalf for a foot company,
and that you will effectually recommend it to Secretary Harbord,
who is now there. If necessary, you may find several certificates
&c., annexed to petitions, when we had those letters. If you see
Lord Henry O'Brien, under whom my husband had command, I
doubt not of his assistance. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 161.*]
- May 11. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which
appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 687*, except as follows:—
The House being in a Committee, the next head, concerning the
eldest sons of peers of the Romish religion to be bred up in the
Protestant religion during their fathers' lives, is read and postponed.
Then the next head, viz., to take care of the education of such
children in the Protestant religion, whose fathers are dead and were
of the Romish religion, is read and agreed to. [*Three copies.
S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 145-147.*]
- May 11. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 334*. [*Two
copies. Ibid. Nos. 148, 149.*]
- May 11. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.*
Stockton. No. 150.]
- May 11. Silas Taylor to Williamson. About 6 this morning came in one
Harwich. of our packet-boats, by which I received this account, the verity

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whereof I dare not engage for. The King of Sweden has declared war against the Hollanders, which makes no small discontent among them, yet others there encourage themselves with their confidence that the King of Denmark will declare against Sweden, and thereby divert his army from coming towards them. The Elector of Brandenburg left the Hague last Wednesday, and it was said the Prince of Orange intended to set out last Saturday towards Brabant. Dissension amongst the English officers in the Dutch service increases very much, artictling and impeaching one another, so that the States have had more trouble with them, as it is said they themselves complain, than with all their land forces besides. One belonging to my Lord Ambassador Temple coming over also in this packet-boat reported also, as I am informed, that five or six English soldiers in the Dutch service were by a council of war condemned to be shot to death, but my Lord Ambassador procured the execution to be deferred, the Prince being absent. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 151.*]

May 11. Richard Watts to Williamson. I have delivered your packets for
Deal. the consuls of Algiers and Tripoli to Capt. John Temple, commander of the *Dartmouth* frigate, bound for Leghorn the first wind. Little wind at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 152.*]

May 11. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. *No. 153.*]

May 11. A. Goodyear to Williamson. But one ship arrived since my
Plymouth. last, the *Prosperous* of Weymouth from Briack (St. Brieuc) in France, with rye for Plymouth, [*Ibid. No. 154.*]

May 11. Warrant for a pardon to Thomas, son of Thomas Lewis, who
Whitehall. has gone to settle in Jamaica, for killing William Aston, another young passenger, in a duel, when the ship touched at Barbados, for which he is condemned but reprieved till the King's pleasure be known. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 133.*]

May 11. Sir J. Williamson to Dr. Smith. Besides my ancient obligations
Whitehall. to the House of Northumberland, who have in many occasions countenanced me and my relations, I am so particularly a servant to Mr. Gee, a person principally employed in the affairs of that family, that I owe him all the little interest I have in my friends to serve him. He has now the interest and recommendation of that family to the vacant burgess-ship of Cockermouth, and I must beg your assistance to him, as far as it properly comes in your way. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 38.*]

May 11. On the petition of Thomas Fisher, reference to the Justices of
Whitehall. Cumberland, where he was born and has since lived, to inquire into his merit and to find out a way to settle some small pension on him proportionable to his wants and to what the county can bear. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 24.*]

May 11. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. After reciting that
Whitehall. the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh and Monmouth have sustained great prejudice and devastation in their estate in the south of

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Scotland by the depauperation of their tenants by reason of the great and extraordinary storm last year, whereby the greater part of the cattle belonging to them was lost, so that a very considerable part of that estate remains yet waste and unpossessed, and little or no rent can be expected till the respective rooms be anew stocked with cattle, in regard the same for the most part consist of grazing and store rooms, and that the Duke and Duchess had applied for licence to import from Ireland horses not exceeding 200, and nolt, consisting of oxen, cows and stirks not exceeding 4,800, to be divided amongst the respective tenants and rooms of the said lands, authorizing them to grant such a licence as is desired, provided that the Duke give account from time to time of the goods so imported, and find sufficient caution that none of the said cattle be sold or transported into England or be applied for any other use but stocking the said lands, the licence to be for one year and no longer. [2½ pages. *S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 237.*]

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The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Exchequer in Scotland. Directing that the signature in favour of John Drummond, of Lundie, for changing the lands therein-mentioned from simple ward to tax ward be passed, and that the tax duties to be inserted in the blanks of the said signature be filled up according to the retoured duties of the said lands. [*Ibid. p. 239.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting the clause in the Act of Explanation whereby 30,000*l.* was granted in lieu of the lapsed moneys, and, after payment of 3,000*l.* thereof to Richard Stratford, of London, the residue, 27,000*l.*, was to be paid to such persons and to such uses as the said lapsed moneys or the lands to be set out in satisfaction of the same were or ought to have been granted in pursuance of his Majesty's letters of 10, 11 or 12 Feb., 1662[-3], and that by the said letter of 11 Feb. one-third share of the said lapsed moneys and of the lands, &c., to be set out in satisfaction thereof, to be divided into three equal parts, was granted to Sir Edward Nicholas, late Secretary of State, and to Sir William Morice and Sir Henry Bennet, now Earl of Arlington, then the Secretaries of State, and that the said Earl, Sir John Nicholas, heir of the said Sir Edward, and the said Sir W. Morice have represented that no lands were ever set out in pursuance of the said letter in satisfaction of the said lapsed moneys, nor can be now set out in consequence of the above recited clause, and that the said 30,000*l.* has never been assessed on the lands liable thereto, having regard to several directions given for the speedy assessing and raising of the said 30,000*l.*, warrant for payment to the said Earl of Arlington, Sir John Nicholas and Sir William Morice of the said 9,000*l.* out of the first moneys levied of the said 30,000*l.* immediately after the 9,000*l.* already directed to be paid out of the said fund to the Earl of Orrery. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 308.*]

May 12.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day. They sat till 9 at night in a Grand Committee about the bill for the Test, and at last agreed it should be thus:—I, A.B., do swear that I will not endeavour to alter the Protestant religion, as it is now by law established in the Church of England.

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They sent down a bill for the prevention of frauds and perjuries.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 155.*]

May 12.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 335.* [*Ibid. No. 156.*]

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Certificate of the officers of the *Swan* that two French men-of-war whom they fell in with near Salcombe that day refused to strike the flag to them, though told that it was the duty of all ships to do so in those seas, saying they had no orders to strike to any ship whatsoever, and when shot at, tacked about and got away.
[*Ibid. No. 157.*]

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Arguments against the reasonableness of the demand made by Mr. Griffin, minister of the Hamburg Company at Hamburg, for permission to remove to the Secretary's house. The former minister, Mr. Elborough, was only allowed to live in the Secretary's house, because it happened to be empty, the then Secretary having a dwelling of his own there, and, when Mr. Elborough left in 1665, the Court ordered their present Secretary to remove into it. Mr. Griffin, not liking the house usually occupied by the minister, hired another, and the Company were civil enough to pay the rent, but they hope not to be interfered with in the disposal of their houses. [*Ibid. No. 158.*]

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Sir J. Williamson to Mr. Griffin. I should have returned you early my thanks for your letter, had I not reserved myself for the opportunity of this hand. I have begged Sir W. Swan to assure you of my very hearty service on all occasions, and particularly in that of your house, which I intend to take the first occasion to speak with Sir Richard Ford about. I am sorry to find things are not in some better order in your Company on that side. I am sure that, as on the one hand, I shall ever be most ready to serve the Company in all its concerns, so far as it is my part, I will endeavour to mind them of what is theirs, and to bring things to order and rule, and I hope Sir W. Swan will contribute to it what depends on him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 39.*]

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Caveat, that no grant pass of any fine of 500*l.* imposed on Giles Bland in Virginia for some quarrel with the Secretary of the Council there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 10.*]

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Approbation by the King of the election of Thomas Crumpe, barrister, to be town-clerk of Ludlow, in the place of Thomas Jones, deceased. [*Precedents 1, f. 67.*]

May 13.

Sir Leoline Jenkins to [Williamson]. Has delayed the two reports enclosed, because, both cases being of a very nice speculation, he wished to have exact information from the officers in Dover and Torbay. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 159.*] *Annexed,*

Report on the case of the Postillon of Cadiz, a Dutch ship laden with Spanish wines, which being at anchor in Torbay, was there captured by French men-of-war within musket shot of the shore, in spite of a signal of the King's protection, and her

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restitution was refused when demanded by the Deputy Vice-Admiral. This is a violation of that security and protection which by the law of nations all parties in war ought to suffer each other to enjoy in the King's ports; reparation is most justly due to his Majesty, which cannot be reputed full and satisfactory unless the ship and goods be restored, or their full equivalent with damages. The affront to authority must first be expiated and then the loss to the party violated be fully made up. 12 May. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 1591.]

Holy Thursday. [May 13.] Dr. Thomas Tullie to Williamson. Expressing his sense of his obligations to him, singling out from the rest of his noble kindnesses, that which made Williamson unkind (he had almost said unnatural) to himself. [*Ibid.* No. 160.]

May 13. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind has been easterly these two days, by which we hourly expected the return of one of our packet-boats, but it has not come, so we are destitute of news. [*Ibid.* No. 161.]

May 13. Dover. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of packet-boats and mails. The Nieuport boat has again landed the mail and passengers in the Downs, though they had very good weather to bring them into this harbour. [*Ibid.* No. 162.]

May 13. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. Tuesday morning off the Isle of Wight many great guns were heard to go off disorderly, and some broadsides. They left off about 10. We suppose either some Ostend or Dutch man-of-war met with a French man-of-war. [*Ibid.* No. 163.]

May 13. Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Has been prevented from writing lately by a violent distemper he has had. Wind N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 164.]

May 14. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 691, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 336. [*Four copies of the former and two of the latter.* *Ibid.* Nos. 165-170.]

May 14. Plymouth. A. Goodyear to Williamson. 'Tis reported here by one Allin, master of a small vessel, that 3 or 4 leagues off he met with two French men-of-war, who fired at him, boarded him, and took away 5*l.* in money, and pillaged two packets of cloth. The *Swan* frigate met these same men-of-war (as is supposed) who refused, when he bade them strike, unless he would first do the same, whereupon he fired at them and chased them, but they being too nimble escaped. Enclosed is a list of ships arrived since my last. [*Ibid.* No. 171.] *Enclosed,*
Probably the said list. (The date is torn off.) [*Ibid.* No. 1711.]

May 14. Whitehall. The King to the Commissioners for rebuilding St. Paul's Cathedral. Being informed that a portion of the imposition laid upon coals, which by Act of Parliament is set apart for rebuilding St. Paul's, amounts to a considerable sum, enough to begin the work, and with

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the materials and assistances which may be expected will put a new quire in great forwardness, and having out of divers designs presented chosen one, "very artificial, proper, and useful" which is so ordered, that it may be built in parts; signifying his royal approbation of the said design and requiring them to proceed forthwith according to that design, beginning with the East end or quire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 68.*]

May 14.
Whitehall.

Instalment of the first fruits of the Bishopric of Chichester, amounting to 609*l.* 7*s.* 1½*d.*, to Ralph Brideoke, D.D., elected and confirmed Bishop of that see, to be paid in four years by equal portions, the first to be made at Lady Day next. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 7.*]

May 14.
Kinsale.

Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. I have had no news the last three or four posts. To-night came in the *Mary* of Weymouth from Virginia, homeward bound. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 162.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Transmitting a copy of the petition of Capt. William Hamilton and James Hamilton, his son, setting forth that the first petitioner served the late King faithfully in the troubles in Ireland and was frequently imprisoned by the late usurpers, and praying that the lands of the two towns of Ballydargans and other lands and the Lough called Innice Lough Cullen in co. Down belonging to him be created into a manor to be called the manor of Hamilton's Hill, and that the lands of Tollymore and other lands in the said county, belonging to the petitioner James, be created into a manor to be called the manor of Tollymore, and for a grant of two fairs yearly in the premises, and directing that, if he finds the two manors may be created without prejudice to the King's service or to other men's interest, to give orders for creating the same accordingly and for holding the two fairs. Subjoined is a copy of the petition. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office Vol. 9, p. 311.*]

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Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 693*, except as follows:—Then being in a Committee upon heads for the bill for securing the Protestant religion, this head was read, that care be taken against the perverters and perverted from the Protestant religion, as it is now established in the Church of England, and agreed that as to the perverters the law may stand as it is, but the rigour of it to be taken off, if they abjure the realm, that there be an addition of pecuniary penalties put on the perverted, and that without reference to former laws, and a sub-committee to specify the penalties. Agreed also, that provision may be made for such poor Roman Catholics as will become Protestants, and that a stock may be erected and maintained for buying in impropriations for the better maintenance of worthy ministers in great towns. [*Three copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 172-174.*]

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Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 337*. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 175, 176.*]

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May 15. W. Middleton to Williamson. Praying him to excuse his impor-
Ludgate. tunity, for his great and urgent necessity forces him to it. The
Prince has promised to do anything in his power for him, if his
Honour would go to him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 177.*]
- May 15. Silas Taylor to Williamson. This morning came in one of our
Harwich. packet-boats by whom I received this account. The Prince of
Orange is encamped not far from Charleroi, which troubles the
Hollanders, saying they pay such sore taxes for the main-
tenance of an army, who are like to spend it all in the Spanish
dominions. The Swedish war, it's said, goes on, but 'tis not yet
certainly known how the Dane stands affected, but he is generally
believed to be most inclinable to that state, who seem not much to
matter his making himself a party against the Swede, so that he
would continue neutral, and with his ships serve them with corn.
From the Brill they say there were, 22 May N.S., five men-of-war
going out to secure their homeward-bound East India men, 3 from
Amsterdam, one from Zealand, and Brackell in the *Zealandia*, a
ship of 44 guns from the Maes. They complain trading is very dead
there, the little that is kept up is for the most part by the English.
[*Ibid. No. 178.*]
- May 15. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. This morning came in two
Weymouth. boats, one from Guernsey, the other from Jersey. In the latter
came Sir T. Morgan's secretary, who tells us Sir Thomas' second
son died this day fortnight being about 22. [*Ibid. No. 179.*]
- May 15. Dispensation to William Payne, High Sheriff of Hampshire, to
Whitehall. live out of his county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 15.*]
- May 15. *Caveat* at the desire of Secretary Coventry that no grant pass of
the Cursitor Baron's place in the Exchequer to the prejudice of Mr.
Justice Crawley, to whom the King has promised it on the first
vacancy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 10.*]
- May 16. John Malet to Williamson. Entreating his favour on behalf of
William Carslake, who is very sick, and at great charge to the
messenger, to whom he was committed, and who is very sorry for
his offence, that, if possible, he might be discharged that afternoon,
his grief and sickness rendering him very likely to die. [*S.P. Dom.,
Car. II. 370, No. 180.*]
- May 16. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last Friday arrived here in one
Deal. of his Majesty's yachts young Taffaletta from London. He went
to-day on board the *Swallow*, and is now weighing anchor and
ready to sail for Tangier. Yesterday he was on shore and rode
through Deal two or three times. Our sailors tell me the
captain of the yacht demanded money of him, at which he was
much discontented. Your Algiers and Tripoli packets I sent by
Capt. Temple. A very lofty gale at N.E., with some welcome rain.
[*Ibid. No. 181.*]
- May 16. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind E.N.E. Last night came
Portsmouth. to Spithead the *Dartmouth*, Capt. Trevanion, bound for the guard

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of Ireland, and in company a ship from the Thames with great masts for his Majesty's ships here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 182.]

May 16. A. Goodyear to Williamson. No news. In his last was a list of
Plymouth. the ships there. [*Ibid.* No. 183.]

[May?] 16. J. B. to ——. About the 10th (see *ante*, p. 113) I sent you an account of some things about your business this term, and directed it, as you desired, to Mr. John Holford, and sent it by the post. I desire you to send me word whether you received it, or whether anything may come that way safely to you, and, if it may, I can the more frequently send.

Postscript.—There is some strange and dangerous discourse about some things relating to your business, of which I shall make a more full inquiry after the circumstances to the utmost of my ability, and come and give you a full account ont, as soon as possible. [*Ibid.* No. 184.]

May 17. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 694, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 339. [*Three copies of the former and two of the latter.* *Ibid.* Nos. 185-189.]

May 17. Dr. J. Fell to Williamson. The bearer, Mr. Wood, who has spent much time and pains in the service of the University is informed that Mr. Riley, the under-keeper of the records of the Tower, is in a languishing condition and not likely to survive. The employment suits Mr. Wood's way of study and inclination, so he would think himself competently provided for, if he might succeed thereto. He earnestly desires your patronage, to which on account of the University I take confidence to recommend him. [*Ibid.* No. 190.]

May 17. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last post I acquainted you that
Deal. the royal Moor, Taffaletta, was then ready to sail, but they anchored again, and about 4 this morning the *Swallow* weighed and sailed for Algiers, the wind N.E., more than a topsail gale. Last week a French man-of-war boarded and took a ship belonging to and bound for Belfast near Carrickfergus, in which were four or five Deal men, and some Irish, but all were imprisoned in France. God has given us comfortable showers after a great drought, insomuch that at many places near this, though the ground was ploughed to sow barley, it was so hard they durst not commit their seed to it, because the harrows could not break the clods. Some say the Belfast ship was a Loonedroger, and not a right Irishman. More than a topsail gale, wind N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 191.]

May 17. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Saturday morning, the wind
Pendennis. being high E., and yesterday came in here 70 or 80 sail, all from France, and some others. They met off this on Friday a French man-of-war, which hailed most of them, and fired on some to come under his lee, and would have made them pay for the shot, but they refused and so parted. He fired under Dutch colours. Many

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more are now before this place, which must come in, if the wind continues due E. They talk of much murmurings and commotions in many parts of France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 192.*]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 14th and 15th about 60 merchantmen, all English, from Bordeaux and Rochelle came in here. Those from Bordeaux report that the people there and in other places thereabouts are not satisfied with the great taxes that king is laying upon them, contrary to their privileges. Those from Rochelle and St. Martin's say that at Rochefort and Brest several men-of-war are fitting to join with the Swedes. In this bay this fleet met a French man-of-war of 86 guns. She was seen with Dutch colours from the land, and some say that she shot under them, but, true it is, she shot at several English and made them come by the lee, and come on board, and would make them confess what ships were bound for Holland, or else they must pay 5s. for the shot. The *Unity*, of Weymouth, that came from St. Martin's, met a caper off Ushant, who told him that he and two more capers of small force being together were chased by three Turks men-of-war, as they believed, for they were black ships and had no galleries. A small vessel from Cadiz says 15 more came out in his company with the *Ross* frigate. They report that there is war with Tripoli and that several Sallee men-of-war are abroad on that coast. [*Ibid. No. 193.*]

May 17.
Whitehall.

The King to the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Granting a dispensation from the statute which requires that only one person from any particular county should be fellow at the same time, in favour of Joshua Ratcliffe, senior B.A., and scholar of their house, in case they find him on examination worthy of a fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 69.*]

May 17.
Whitehall.

Secretary Coventry to the Attorney-General. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he prepare a proclamation commanding the immediate return of all the King's subjects who have gone into the French service since the peace with the States General, and further that none other of his subjects go hereafter into the said service. [*Precedents 1, f. 69.*]

[Before
May 18.]

Case of Sir Henry Thompson. At the York election 10 Nov., 1678, Sir Henry had above 1,100 votes on a fair poll, and these were the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and citizens of the best quality, and he might have had many more who were ready to poll, but he spared them the trouble as needless. He was elected, and singly returned by the sheriffs, by virtue whereof he sits in the House.

Sir John Hewley had not 600 votes, many whereof were no freemen and were challenged for undue polling, and, of those that had the right of election, not above 32 were of that consideration as to be assessed to the poor rate and most of the rest were apprentices and youths under 20 and soldiers hired to take their freedom two or three days before the election and to vote for him.

Notwithstanding, Sir John has petitioned against Sir Henry's election, and the cause is to be heard before the Committee of Privileges, 18 May, 1675. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 194.*]

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May 18. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 696, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 340. [*Three copies of the latter. S.P. Dom. Car. II. 370, Nos. 195-197.*]
- May 18. William Griffith to Williamson. Representing that the *Quare Impedit* having been brought last term against the Bishop of London in defence of his Majesty's right of presentation to the rectory of Orsett, Essex, and Mr. Sowton's presentation, to whom his Majesty has granted it, being stopped at the Signet Office by virtue of the *careat* there entered by his Honour on Mr. Latham's behalf, if the said presentation pass not the Privy Seal to-morrow, it cannot afterwards till 2 June (there being not another seal till then) and, the next term beginning on the 4th, it is very doubtful whether there may be a Great Seal between, and, if a *non disturbavit* be next term pleaded on the Bishop's side in regard no presentee from the King has been yet offered him, his Majesty's title in all probability is like to suffer very much, and submitting to his judgment the taking off of the *careat*, that so the presentation may go forward at the Privy Seal to-morrow. [*Ibid. No. 198.*]
- May 18. The Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. I formerly moved the King on behalf of a Mr. Turner for a prebend of Worcester, and two or three days ago reminded him of it, who remembered his promise, and ordered me to give you notice of it, to prevent any other and to secure the prebend for Mr. Turner on the first vacancy. [*Ibid. No. 199.*]
- May 18. Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Sunday arrived here two
Stockton. vessels laden with corn from the East. Wind N.E. [*Ibid. No. 200.*]
- May 18. Silas Taylor to Williamson. By one of our packet-boats which
Harwich. arrived here last Sunday, we are informed that the Prince of Orange set forth towards his army the Sunday before, and was to meet them about Bergen-op-Zoom.
On Sunday a strong easterly wind drove back one of our packet-boats, which had sailed hence the night before, but they sailed again yester morning. The weather is fair, but the wind still in the same corner. [*Ibid. No. 201.*]
- May 18. Thomas Langley to Williamson. I am now taking the examination
Harwich. of two masters, one of Bremen, and another of Frederickstatt in Holstein, which were both plundered near Albrouh (? Aldeburgh), and he of Bremen, is, as the master reports, plundered to the value of 2,000*l.* of merchants' goods, besides the goods of the ship. The vessel that plundered them is, as they report, an English built smack and manned with most English, but they think some few are Flemings and two or three French, and, after the privateer had taken them at sea, he carried the Bremener into Albrouh Haven and there plundered him in the River. The privateer had not one gun and was of about 30 tons. The master knows not the captain's name that took him, but says he met some of his goods on horse-back in Suffolk as he came hither. [*Ibid. No. 202.*]

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May 18. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. In my last I advised
 Portsmouth. that the *Dartmouth* frigate was come to Spithead, but it is the
Spragg frigate put in here for a boat, having lost theirs in foul
 weather. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 203.]

May 18. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
 Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 204.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 204 1.]

May 18. Commissions for George Combley to be lieutenant, and —
 Sheldon to be ensign in the Lieut.-Governor, Capt. William
 Sheldon's, company of foot in the Isle of Guernsey. Minutes.
 [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 131.*]

May 18. The Duke of Monmouth to ———. M. Lockhart having
 Whitehall. informed me that he has placed in your hands 14,546 *livres* 15 *sols* of
 the King's money to be paid to my order, I beg you to send me bills
 of exchange here in England for 3,502 *livres* which I wish to be paid
 to the officers of my regiment to whom the same is due, and to keep
 the rest till further order. [*French. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41,*
p. 35.]

May 18. *Caveat* that nothing pass of the grant of a prebend's place in
 Westminster till the Duke of Ormonde have notice, the King having
 promised the same to his Grace's chaplain, Dr. William Asheton.
 [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 10.*]

May 18. On the petition of Anthony Gylby, praying a grant in reversion to
 Whitehall. him and his heirs of a piece of waste ground called the Surekle in
 the Humber, whereof he has already a lease for 31 years, recom-
 mendation to the Lord Treasurer for passing such a grant thereof
 under such rents or other tenure as his Lordship shall think fit.
 [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 24.*]

[Before
 May 19?] The case between Col. Robert Werden and William Williams
 concerning the Chester election. Mr. Williams engaged, if chosen,
 to discharge a debt of 40*l.* the city owed to the King, and also
 promised to lend the corporation 500*l.* for 7 years gratis and to
 spend his estate amongst them, and, having prevailed with the
 mayor and sheriffs to promise him their votes, he caused some
 hundreds of the freemen's oath to be printed and dispersed about
 the city, by which he pretended and asserted as law that all freemen
 were obliged to give their votes as the Mayor did, threatening, as he
 was Recorder, to procure that all that should vote against him should
 be disfranchised, and menacing all the handicraft freemen that, if
 they voted for Col. Werden, he would make foreign workmen free of
 the city, adding that whoever voted against him should be loaded with
 taxes, &c., without any relief while he was Recorder.

Mr. Williams, finding by the first day's polling that he was much
 short of Colonel Werden prevailed with the sheriffs to adjourn the
 poll for three days together, employing the interval in making
 several freemen who had promised him their voices, though capaci-
 tated neither by age nor time, and refusing the freedom to others
 who were every way capable, apprehending they would vote for Col.
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After three days' polling, proclamation being duly made and no more voices appearing, the sheriffs, who had both voted against Col. Werden, numbered the poll, and finding Col. Werden had 50 voices more than Mr. Williams declared themselves satisfied that he was duly chosen, and accordingly an indenture was drawn for returning him and signed and sealed by Sheriff Manwareing, but refused by Sheriff Critchley on no ground but that he said he had promised not to seal it, but he was abundantly satisfied that Col. Werden was fairly elected.

Mr. Williams now pretends that the inhabitants not free of the city have no voices, but that the right of election is only in the freemen, and he, having 17 freemen more than Col. Werden, alleges he is legally elected, and ought to be returned.

It is answered, that 12 of Mr. Williams' number were polled for freemen, being not so, and 14 of them were made free after the election began, being incapable of it; and, supposing he had the greater number of freemen, yet the usage of the place, which must expound the right of election, has been always in the inhabitants as well as the freemen; the last burgesses were so chosen, and all elections in the memory of man have been by the scot and lot inhabitants and freemen promiscuously, and were never questioned till Mr. Williams found himself reduced to the necessity of making it a question. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., pp. 342, 346.*) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 205.*]

May 19. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 698*, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 841*. [*Three copies of the proceedings in the Lords and two of those in the Commons. Ibid. Nos. 206-210.*]

May 19. Order in Council on the petition of George Baron and others, laders, Whitehall. and Abraham and Francis Jaggard, owners, of the *John and Sarah*, which set forth that the said ship on her voyage from Bilboa to Hamburg was seized 4 Oct. last by a French privateer and carried into Rochelle, merely for want of a seabrief, though she was English built, wore an English flag and was navigated by Englishmen; that, notwithstanding the said ship and goods wholly belong to the petitioners, the Council of State at Paris have proceeded in the condemnation of the said ship and goods on grounds altogether slight and illegal, and have imprisoned the master and a passenger in the common gaol, and threaten to try them for their lives as criminals; and prayed that the said ship and goods be restored and the master and passenger released; that Secretary Williamson prepare a letter for his Majesty's signature recommending the petitioners' case to Sir W. Lockhart, Ambassador in France, that he may demand restitution of the said ship and goods and the enlargement of the said master and passenger. [*Ibid. No. 211.*]

May 19. Order in Council on the petition of William Strangh, citizen and Whitehall. merchant of London, which set forth that, whereas he had attached and arrested at Amsterdam goods to the value of 1,500*l.* in part of

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a debt of 4,700*l.* due from Alexander Waddal, a declared and fugitive bankrupt of Sweden, and whereas in further pursuit of him the petitioner went from London to Copenhagen in 1673, where he was informed the said Waddal coloured more goods under Danish names and pretensions to defraud his creditors, the petitioner was by a malicious combination of his bankrupt debtor and some Danish subjects imprisoned closely and barbarously on pretence of a transport of the said money and goods to them, though made (if at all, yet illegally) 8 months after the arrest granted by the judicatory of Amsterdam in the petitioner's behalf, a very unjust sentence being passed against him in order to force him to relinquish his arrest of Waddal's goods at Amsterdam, and prayed his Majesty's letter to the King of Denmark for the rehearing of his case: that Secretary Williamson prepare a letter for the King's signature recommending the petitioner's case as prayed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 212.]

May 19. Order in Council on the petition of Robert Yate, Thomas Earle, and Robert Henley, merchants of Bristol, for relief, as, notwithstanding his Majesty's many gracious letters and applications to the Admiralty of Zealand, they can obtain no satisfaction for the violent seizure and detention of their ship, the *St. Joseph*, that Secretary Williamson forthwith prepare for the King's signature a very effectual letter to Sir William Temple, requiring him to press the States General to do the petitioners speedy justice, and that their appeal may be heard with the exclusion of the former judges, being interested and parties. [*Ibid.* No. 213.]

May 19. Edward Bodham to Williamson. We are here in a healthy condition and all in peace and quiet in these parts. [*Ibid.* No. 214.]

May 19. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Yesterday arrived here the *John* of this place from Morlaix, which came thence two days ago with two others not yet come in. The master tells me that, the day before he came out, the drums were beaten about town, declaring the King's edict of 20 *sols per lb.* on tobacco, to be paid by all but soldiers, and that the Ostend and other privateers have taken many of their coasting ships, but he did not hear of any fleet of war setting out. They continue to raise what forces they can to send to the King's army. [*Ibid.* No. 215.]

May 19. Proclamation commanding the immediate return of all subjects who have gone into the service of the French king as soldiers since the late treaty of peace with the States General, and forbidding all subjects to enter the said service in future. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Proclamations* 3, p. 335.]

May 20. Journal of proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 700. [*Three copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, Nos. 216-218.]

May 20. Journal of proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 342. [*Ibid.* No. 219.]

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Capt. Gilbert Thomas to the King. Petition, stating that his Majesty, 29 Sept., 1660, appointed the petitioner Provost-Marshal of the City of Westminster and co. Middlesex, granting him the salary, &c., formerly belonging to any such officer, and that he has been very diligent and faithful in the discharge of that trust, and that, whereas his predecessors had 200*l. per annum* allowed them and their four men, he has received no salary nor allowance for the expensive discharge of this duty, that he has ever been a sufferer since the setting up of the standard at Nottingham, and, after the surrender of Oxford in 1646 was forced for a bare subsistence to travel into foreign parts, and there obtained the knowledge of a secret to make out of the useless dust or powder of indigo, stone blue, flat indigo, and powder blue such as is made in Holland, very useful and necessary for the cleansing of linen clothes, and praying for an order to the Lord Lieutenant of the said city and county to settle the petitioner in his salary as formerly, and for a grant of a patent to him for making stone blue, flat indigo and powder blue for the term of years usual in such cases.
At the foot,

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Whitehall.

*Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. At the side,
His report in favour of granting the patent as prayed. 28 May.
[S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 220.]*

Another copy of the above reference. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 25.]

May 20.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The weather fair, wind northerly No packet-boat has arrived since my last. [S.P. Dom. Car. II. 370, No. 221.]

May 20.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of mails and packet-boats. [*Ibid.* No. 222.]

May 20.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 223.]

May 20.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind E.S.E. [*Ibid.* No. 224.]

May 20.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. There came here yesterday six Dutchmen, which belonged to a galliot, the *Wineberg*, of Norden in West Friesland with wines and brandy from Bordeaux for Amsterdam. They say that the day before they were chased within two leagues of the Lizard by a Turks man-of-war of about 12 guns. They left the ship and came away in their boat, leaving only the skipper and one man on board. The man-of-war shot several guns at the boat, but they all got safe ashore. They told the skipper that, if it was a French man-of-war, he should raise the flag and lower it again three times, and they would come on board again, which he did not, which makes them conclude them to be Turks; nay, they affirm they were so near that they saw their turberts, besides they say, if they were French, they were a free ship. By a vessel from Bristol I am advised that another vessel in her company spoke with them, and that they were two Algiers men-of-war, and that they had this galliot with them.

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But the *Elizabeth* of Yarmouth and the *Ann* of London, which came yesterday from Bordeaux, report them to be French men-of-war of 12 and 24 guns, and that they spoke with them and told them they had taken a galliot with nobody on board but the skipper and one man, so that on the whole I believe them rather to be French men-of-war than Turks.

It is reported here that the Parliament were forced to put their hands on their swords in the House, and this should come from some Parliament men. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 225.*]

May 20. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid. No. 226.*]

May 20. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of
Whitehall. London and Middlesex, to insert Apollonia Scroope, convicted at the gaol delivery for Middlesex for stealing goods of Nicholas Bradey, to the value of 10*l.*, but reprieved before judgment, into the next general pardon for poor Newgate convicts, without the proviso for transportation, and meanwhile to release her on bail, till her pardon can be pleaded. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 185.*]

May 20. Commission for Humphrey Creswick to be lieutenant to Captain
Whitehall. John Strode's company in the regiment of Guards under Colonel John Russell. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 130.*]

May 20. Certificate by the Duke of Monmouth that so many companies of
Whitehall. Col. Churchill's regiment are to be incorporated into his own as they can make up hundreds, beginning with Col. Howard's and so descending in order, except that Captain Churchill is to be in the place of Capt. Teut (Tuite), who is to have the first company vacant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 36.*]

May 20. Declaration by the Duke of Monmouth that, as Col. Churchill's
Whitehall. regiment is to be incorporated into his, he would have the officers thereof, who after the reform continue to serve in his regiment, placed in the first vacancies happening there, according to the order and quality of their respective commands. [*Ibid.*]

May 20. Commission to Richard Fitzpatrick to be ensign to Capt. Buller
in place of Mr. Buller. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

May 20. The Duke of Monmouth to Col. Scott. Capt. Trapps, having
Whitehall. been more unfortunate in his recruits notwithstanding his endeavours than the rest of the officers, I was willing to prevent his being reformed, and therefore would have Capt. Graham's company broken up, and the soldiers thereof given to Capt. Trapps towards completing his number, and Mr. Laws, ensign to Capt. Graham, is to be ensign to Capt. Trapps, and, if his youngest lieutenant, Mr. Musgrave, continue there, you will place him in the first vacancy of a lieutenant. [*Ibid. p. 37.*]

May 20. The Duke of Monmouth to Col. Scott. Sir Samuel Clarke has
Whitehall. spoken to me in behalf of Mr. Owen, first lieutenant of his company, that he may be continued as your capt.-lieutenant, which is his right, and, I suppose, you intended he should be so at his coming

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over. However, I was willing to gratify Sir Samuel by granting him my letter to strengthen his just pretension. [*S.P. Dcm., Entry Book 41, p. 97.*]

May 20.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Callaghan, Earl of Clancarty, praying an order for a respite of levying some quit-rents, till his Majesty, having been informed of the truth of his allegations mentioned in his petition, shall signify his further pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 25.*]

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Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Callaghan, Earl of Clancarty, praying a *custodium* of certain lands. [*Ibid.*]

May 20.

Warrant for a patent to William Fanshaw, Gabriel Cox, and Rebecca Croxton for their invention of working point laces after the manner of *point de Venise* and *point d'Espagne* for 14 years. [*Precedents 1, f. 71.*]

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Christopher Carleton to the King. Petition stating that in June, 1674, a general pardon was granted to the petitioner for all crimes and offences (except treason and murder) whereof he was indicted or found guilty at the then last assizes for Fermanagh preceding the time of the pardon which were in March, and that it was Sept., 1674, before the pardon passed the Seal, and the last assizes mentioned in the pardon were in August, 1674, which makes the pardon void, it naming only the last assizes, the indictment being removed into the King's Bench in Dublin in Aug., 1674, and the petitioner outlawed thereon, and praying that the said pardon may be amended and better worded for all crimes and offences (except murder and treason) committed by the petitioner at any time before the grant of the said pardon, and also that the words of outlawry may be inserted in it. *At the side,*

May 20.
Whitehall.

Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. On the back, His report in favour of granting a pardon to the petitioner of all crimes and offences (except treason and murder) committed before 1 May, 1674. 22 May. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 163.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 25.*]

May 21.

Journal of proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 702*, except as follows:—In a Committee for the Test, agreed that the oath should go in this manner, I, A.B., do swear that I will not endeavour to alter the Protestant religion now by law established in the Church of England, nor the Government of this kingdom, either in Church or State, as it is by law established, and I do take this oath according to the meaning of this Act, and the proviso contained in the same. [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car II. 370, Nos. 227-228.*]

May 21.

Journal of proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 343. [Ibid. No. 229.]*

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May 21. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 230.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 230*I.*]

May 21. Samuel Rhodes, being indicted at the now quarter sessions at the Old Bailey for the murder of John White, his former servant, and the only evidence against him being that he gave White a blow on his ear several months before he died, and what evidence was taken from White's declaration, and several persons having witnessed at the trial that he died a natural death, and that it was so found by the coroner's inquest, order for respite of any sentence that should be passed on him, till the King's further pleasure be known. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 134.]

May 21. *Caveat*, that nothing pass concerning the grant of Sir Edward Stradling's estate till Secretary Williamson be acquainted with it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, *p.* 10.]

May 21. Warrant from the King, as King and as Prince and Steward of
Whitehall. Scotland, for a commission appointing the persons therein named or any five or more of them to be auditors of the accounts of the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland and all other receivers, cashkeepers and collectors of his rents as well property, custom, excise, and casualties pertaining to him as the principality of the said kingdom from the time of the last fitted account in August, 1671, to 12 May, 1674, when the present commission of the Treasury commenced. [*Over 2 pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, *p.* 240.]

May 21. Warrant for a gift to John, Earl of Athole, as Lord Privy Seal, of
Whitehall. a yearly pension of 400*l.* sterling in consideration of his having resigned the place of Justice General with the yearly pension of 200*l.* sterling. [*Ibid.* *p.* 243.]

May 21. Warrant for a letter constituting Alexander, Earl of Morray,
Whitehall. Justice General of Scotland. [*Ibid.* *p.* 244.]

May 21. Warrant for the gift to Alexander, Earl of Morray, as Justice
Whitehall. General of a pension of 200*l.* sterling *per annum.* [*Ibid.* *p.* 246.]

May 21. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Directing them to
Whitehall. admit and receive John, Earl of Erroll, Lord Constable of Scotland, into the Privy Council. [*Ibid.* *p.* 247.]

May 21. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Whitehall. Whereas by your letter of 12 March to the Duke of Lauderdale you represented that, when you fermed the rents of Orkney and Zetland to George Scott, it was done by roup, and that, that ferm being now ended and most of the rents consisting of victual, butter and oil, and being not casual, except in the prices which are uncertain, if they should be again fermed by roup, divers persons will in emulation make offers and it may thereby fall into the hands of such as have neither prudence to manage the same nor are qualified to discharge the offices that attend it, by which our vassals and tenants there may be exposed to the discretion of such unqualified persons both

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as to the levying of those rents and the administration of justice to them, and that these considerations had induced you to think of a fit person with whom you might treat, and that you did not find any so fit to treat with therein as Capt. Andrew Dick, and that, having conferred with him on the whole matter and calculated the prices of the whole butter, victual and oil at the usual rates, you find that rent comes short of 36,000 *merks per annum*, which he is willing to pay yearly of tack duty and to accept of a tack thereon for 5 years, to be paid without any abatement except in such a case of plague or war as may render the rents there ineffectual, we are satisfied therewith and authorize you to enter in tack with the said captain on the terms already mentioned, and we have signed the commission sent up from you for the said captain to be steward and justiciar of Orkney and Zetland, which is to be delivered to him on his giving good security for the payment of the tack duty.

We likewise authorize you to discharge the magistrates of Edinburgh of the duty on the lead imported by them for their waterworks, amounting to about 120*l.* sterling. [2 pages. *S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 248.*]

May 21. Warrant for a letter constituting Capt. Andrew Dick and his
Whitehall. deputes Steward of the Stewardry of Orkney and Zetland and justiciar within the whole bounds and islands thereof while he shall be tacksman of Orkney and Zetland. [*Ibid. p. 250.*]

May 21. Memorials of protection in the ordinary form to David
Whitehall. Edmeinston of Cardin and to John Ker, one of the Life Guard of Horse, for two years respectively. [*Ibid. p. 252.*]

May 22. Silas Taylor to Williamson. It was not till this morning that
Harwich. one of our packet-boats returned, but she brought no news. The wind these two days has been between northerly and easterly. Weather very fair. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 231.*]

May 22. James Houseman to Williamson. I find by a letter from a friend
Dover. there is a charge of 11 or 12 articles exhibited against me before his Majesty and Council, and my friend's opinion is, it may by my enemies be carried to the Parliament. The heads are:—Neglect in sending over the mails, suffering the packet-boats to carry over prohibited goods, carrying over wool and smuggling goods. All I have to say for answer at present is that I am not guilty of any one thing mentioned above, nor of any unjust acting, to my knowledge, tending to the breach of any trust imposed in me. I beg that, if any charge be against me, I may be sent for by letter, not by messenger, for I know the worst of my enemies cannot prove any such guilt upon me. There are four seamen and officers, one of whom goes constantly in every boat sent by the Commissioners of the Customs to prevent the boats from carrying prohibited or unlawful goods, and myself and all the other officers use all our endeavours to prevent those practices. [*Ibid. No. 232.*]

May 22. Note, that the King has been pleased to promise Sir Francis Leeke
the advantage of a hoy supposed to belong to a pirate, and seized near Gravesend 19 May. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 10.*]

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May 22. Note, that the Lord Privy Seal signified to Mr. Secretary that the King had promised the first living in his gift to Mr. Gaches. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 45, p. 10.]
- May 23. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure
Dover. of the mails and packet-boats. About midnight last Friday the Calais packet-boat brought over Sir Thomas Long[u]eville, Mr. Butler and Mr. Bancks. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 370, No. 233.]
- May 23. A. Goodyear to Williamson. This morning came in here 12 or
Plymouth. 14 Dutch merchantmen from the Straits homeward bound. [*Ibid.* No. 234.]
- May 24. Edmund Custis to Williamson. I had thought to have tarried
London. your leisure, when the House might have been adjourned, but the revenues and the whole nation are so much concerned in the abusive increase of so many Dutch ships with English seabriefs without being naturalized that I have thought the enclosed fit for your immediate perusal. [*Ibid.* No. 235.] *Probably enclosed,*
The paper calendared at the end of 1673 in S.P. Dom., 1673-5, p. 76. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 388, No. 114.]
- May 24. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. A vessel of London from St.
Weymouth. Martin's came yesterday into our road, having been 16 days in his passage. The master reports that last Sunday fortnight he met an Ostend man-of-war off Brest, who told him he had a little before been chased by three Algerine men-of-war not far from there. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 370, No. 236.]
- May 24. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 21st came in here the
Falmouth. *George* of London from Malaga with wines and fruit for London. They have had easterly winds ever since they came out, so that they have been eight weeks. They met about 14 days before they came in a French man-of-war, which had taken the *Giant* of Amsterdam with salt from St. Tubus bound for the Hague. She went out of this harbour about a month since. She was taken at Roc[k]all, about Hitland (Shetland), for she had orders to go about Ireland. This French man-of-war put some of the men on board this ship, which are come in here. She brings no news from the Straits. The fleet of merchantmen here, being about 30 sail homeward bound, is now putting to sea, wind S.S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 237.]
- May 24. Royal assent to the election of Thomas Barlow, D.D., to be
Bishop of Lincoln in the room of Dr. William Fuller, deceased. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 27, f. 69.]
- May 24. Warrant for a pardon to Samuel Rhodes for the manslaughter of
his former servant, John White, with restitution of lands and goods. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 28, f. 184.]
- May 24. Blank commission to Capt. Nichols for the first company of foot.
Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 41, p. 36.]
- May 24. The Duke of Monmouth to Sir Francis Leeke. I have received
Whitehall. your letter by Capt. Barbour with an account of some men that

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were taken transporting themselves beyond the seas. The order I received from his Majesty in those cases was, that all so taken should be dismissed where they were in custody to save the trouble and charge of bringing them up to town, in pursuance of which you may release them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 38.*]

May 25.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Saturday two more vessels arrived here with corn from the East. Wind S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 238.*]

May 25.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday the wind veered from N.E. to S.W., where it is at present. No packet-boat has arrived since my last. Many ships bound easterly and northerly are sailed out of this port, and more have passed by us. [*Ibid. No. 239.*]

May 25.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Several Straits ships, of which the Turkey merchant was one, are passed up. [*Ibid. No. 240.*] *Enclosed, The said list.* [*Ibid. No. 240 i.*]

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Capt. Arthur Herbert to ——. Giving an account of his meeting six French ships off Dungeness, at first under Dutch and English colours, which when shot at put up French colours, but kept their topsails up. When shot at they returned the fire, and their Admiral answered it was the King of France's ship and did not strike. They outsailed the *Cambridge*, which was no match for them. [*Copy. Ibid. No. 157.*]

May 25.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder of London, to insert Henry Hayse, sentenced at the Old Bailey to transportation for the manslaughter of John Batty, into the next general pardon for poor Newgate convicts, without the clause for transportation, he having been a soldier in the King's regiment of Guards and fallen accidentally into this calamity. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 135.*]

May 25.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Charles, Lord Grey of Rolleston, and his heirs, of three fairs at Winterbourne St. Martin's, Dorset, on the second Thursdays in February, May and August, it having been found by an inquisition taken at Cranborne, Dorset, that such fairs will be no damage to the Crown or to others. [*Precedents 1, f. 72.*]

May 26.

Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 708*, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 345*; one copy of the Lords' and two of the Commons'. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 241-243.*]

May 26.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. This afternoon came into this road a States man-of-war of 24 guns with a great Dutch hoy in his company. He came out of the Texel last Sunday evening with four hoyes in his company loaden with piece goods for London. About 4 last Monday afternoon three French men-of-war of 24, 18, and 14 guns, with a ketch came up with them. The richest hoy, which is now here, the Dutch man-of-war got in tow, the other three shifted for themselves, after whom two of the three men-of-war gave chase. Then suddenly there fell a thick fog so that they could not see one

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another, so that the Dutch man-of-war with the hoy in a tow steered over for this coast, where both are now at anchor in this road. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 244.*]

May 26.
Deal.
4 p.m.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning arrived the *Cambridge* from the Straits. Coming up the Channel she met with three French men-of-war, who not striking, she shot at them, but was answered with many guns, neither did they at all strike. With the *Cambridge* came in above 20 stout merchantmen from the Straits, and also the *Portsmouth* ketch, both of which brought home on merchants' account a great quantity of pieces of eight. We have lately had many refreshing showers. The smallpox has been, and is very brief and mortal in and near Deal, Dover and West Kent. Little wind at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 245.*]

Extract of the passage about striking from the above letter. [*Ibid. No. 246.*]

May 26.
Lyne.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 24th arrived the *Diligence* of Pascadaway in New England in ten weeks from Virginia with tobacco, and having cleared according to Act of Parliament went for Amsterdam. The master tells me many of the ships there, failing of their lading, are put upon trading to New England and elsewhere, till the next crop, which this year very much failed by reason of the great drought. Their corn also failed and their provision of hogs, &c., so that their condition is much worse than it has been for many years.

By some coasters arrived to-day and others I find three Alger men-of-war are in the Channel, two of them of upwards of 30 guns, and have taken both upon the French and Dutch as appears by their slaves, but they are very civil to our English they have met with. The master of the *Anne* of this place, arriving last night from Guernsey, reports that a Sallee man-of-war also had been seen in these seas, and a French man-of-war of 30 guns he met made inquiry thereafter. [*Ibid. No. 247.*]

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Whitehall.

On the petition of Sir John Maney, Major Roch, Capt. Thomas Bates, and Lieut. Edward Pickin, four indigent officers, praying an order for their admission into the lottery, signification of his Majesty's pleasure to the trustees of the above mentioned lottery that the petitioners be admitted into the same to receive their respective proportions according to their several qualifications. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 26.*]

May 27.

Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 705*, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 345*. [*Two copies, to one of which is prefixed a journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords on the 26th. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 248, 249.*]

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Separate Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, to which is also prefixed a journal of the proceedings there on the 26th. [*Ibid. No. 250.*]

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Guildhall.

Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. Certifying that he has received of Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Leemkuell by the appointment of the Senate of Hamburg, 8,750*l.*, which makes up the complete sum of 35,000*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 251.]

May 27.
Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. Three ships from Norway are come into this port and one in the road for Lynn with deals, the master of which tells us that a Holland caper was on board them, but did them no prejudice, only took some firewood from them, but the same caper dealt otherwise with a vessel of Whitby for not striking so soon as the caper would have him. He shot several shots at the English ship, and commanded the master on board, and caused him to pay 6*s.* 8*d.* for every shot he shot at him, and, because the master told him he ought not to strike to any ship in those seas except his own King's frigates, the captain beat him and abused him basely. Five or six ships are at anchor in this road. Wind E.N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 252.]

May 27.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday the wind being easterly brought into view a good fleet of laden colliers for the River, and in the afternoon one of our packet-boats, but with it no news. In the evening the wind began to bluster with rain and mists, so that it hindered the packet-boat which should have gone for Holland. At noon arrived in a short space, being before the wind, another packet-boat, and in her Mr. Paine and Mr. Dale, but they bring no news but that the Prince is still at Duffell, encamped betwixt two castles. [*Ibid.* No. 253.]

May 27.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Repetition of the news in his last letter. After post time came in about 20 more merchantmen. One reports that off Hythe a French man-of-war yesterday afternoon chased a loonedroger on shore near or against that town, and, though he was nigh the town, shot about 40 bullets at the loonedroger, a good many whereof must needs fall into the town. This report I received last night from the commander of the *Elizabeth* of London, who, as he sailed along, saw the matter. Loonedrogers are Dutch ships consigned to Dutch merchants and Dutchmen part, the master and two or three more only English.

Yesterday afternoon the *Portsmouth* ketch sailed for the Thames. She and the *Cambridge* brought home much plate. Wind W. and by S., not a topsail gale. Seasonable showery weather. [*Ibid.* No. 254.]

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Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. At 6 last Tuesday morning came into this harbour a packet-boat from Calais, and landed the mail and a few passengers, none of any note. The packet men report that they were told there has been a mutiny in the French army between a party of French and Lord Douglas' regiment about their quarters, and that a great deal of mischief is done on both sides. About 9 Tuesday night went to sea a packet-boat for Calais with the mail and some passengers, none of any quality. Yesterday an Ostend privateer chased ashore between Hythe and Folkestone a great vessel. Her lading is said to be oil, oranges and lemons. About 10 Tuesday night went to sea the packet-boat for Nieuport with the mail and a few passengers, none of any note. [*Ibid.* No. 255.]

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May 27. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind westerly. [S.P. Truro. *Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 256.]
- May 27. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 24th there came into Falmouth. Helford the *Providence* of that place from Rochelle, which met with a Spanish caper of 4 guns belonging to the Groyne, which took from them to the value of 500 *livres*. The 25th came in here the *Maria Jesus Anna*, an Ostend caper. They say they have been this six weeks at sea and met with no purchase, and that she and another caper of 4 guns were chased by a French man-of-war, but they steered several courses. This one hardly escaped. What is become of the other he knows not, they making after her. Yesterday evening came in the *Samuel* of Dover for Bordeaux, which says three leagues off this harbour they met with a ketch from the Groyne laden with fruit for London, who told them that the day before off Scilly they spoke with an Argier man-of-war of 30 guns. The *Wineberg* of Norden, of which I wrote to you formerly, whose men rowed ashore about the Lizard and came here, and reported they were chased by a Turks man-of-war, and so left the ship and came ashore, is now in Mount's Bay, sent in by a French man-of-war, with the master and a Jew, a passenger on board. Seamen are gone from this to bring her about for this harbour. [*Ibid.* No. 257.]
- May 27. Thomas Holden to James Hicke. Giving the same news as the Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* No. 258.]
- May 27. Presentation of Thomas Hockin to the prebend of Hayder *alias* Hayther in Lincoln Cathedral. Minute. [S.P. *Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 69.]
- May 27. Dispensation to Sir Robert Dukinfield, High Sheriff of Cheshire, to go to London or elsewhere out of his county. [*Precedents* 1, f. 72.]
- May 28. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day. An Act for the better government of free watermen on the Thames and for the increase of their number was read a second time and committed. The House was in a Committee on the bill for the Test, and considered the manner of administering the oath and taking the subscriptions of the declaration. The House agreed that the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper should issue out commissions to such as he shall think fit, inhabiting within the limits of the said respective commissions, to tender the said declaration and take the said oath, and make returns thereof to the quarter sessions in each county, and that the commissioners that shall tender it to the Peers in Parliament shall be six peers or more, and that the members of the Commons' House shall have the same tendered them by the Lord Steward or his deputies, and that all that shall hereafter come into any employment ecclesiastical, civil, or military, or be a privy councillor or justice shall have the said oath and declaration tendered him by the same persons who tender such other oaths to such persons on such occasions. [*Three copies.* S.P. *Dom., Car. II.* 370, Nos. 259-261.]

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May 28. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 346.* [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 262, 263.*]
- [May?] John Boscavell to the King. Petition for a pass for himself and his wife and children to Bilbao, where most of his friends and relations inhabit, he having served as a lieutenant in Col. Tillard's regiment at the rendition of Oxford, where he was a great sufferer, and having also served in the late war against the Dutch, but now with his wife and five small children being reduced to a perishing condition, because he is now out of all employment. [*Ibid. No. 264.*]
- [May?] Charles Ward to the King. Petition for a pass to Bordeaux, where he has friends and relations, he having served as ensign of a foot company in Col. Tillard's regiment before the rendition of Oxford, where he was a great sufferer, and having since served his Majesty in Lord Musgrave's (?Mulgrave's) regiment, but, having now been long out of employment, being reduced with his wife and children to a starving condition. [*Ibid. No. 265.*]
- May 28. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 266.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 266 1.]
- May 28. Passes for John Boscavell and Charles Ward with their respective
Whitehall. wives and families to pass to Bilbao and Bordeaux respectively. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 62.*]
- May 28. Pardon to Christopher Carleton of Tellimarghen (Tullymargy)
Whitehall. parish of Devenish, Fermanagh, of all crimes and offences (except treason or murder) committed by him in Ireland before 1 May, 1674, and of all sentences, penalties and forfeitures by reason of the premises. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 63.*]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 164.*]
- May 28. Grant to Thomas Elyott, Groom of the Bedchamber, and John
Whitehall. Nevill, eldest son of John Nevill of Billingbear, Berks, of the office of Master of the Buckhounds in reversion after John Cary during their natural lives successively. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 63.*]
- May 29. Sir John Berry to Williamson. On behalf of his good friend and
London. kinsman Josias Calmady, desiring he would stand his friend to keep him from being High Sheriff of Devon, because he is both scorbutical and hydropsical, and has been subject to these distempers a long time, to which may be added his corpulency and unfitness to travel, especially as he lives about 40 miles from Exon, where the assizes are usually held. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 267.*]
- May 29. Francis Grigg to Williamson. I shall ever esteem it a particular
Pembroke mark of your favour that you permit me to make my addresses to
Hall. you. I am unacquainted with the way of desiring preferments
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before they are actually void, and shall therefore most willingly depend upon Providence, not doubting of the sincerity of your intentions. I should think myself happy could I obtain a benefice, a prebend, or a chaplain's place for the present. My great desire to settle in the world has made me, I fear, too importunate. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 268.*]

May 29.
Oxford.

Dr. Thomas Barlow to Williamson. This comes to bring my hearty thanks for your continued kindness to your college and me. That I did not this sooner was no want of a just sense of my obligations, but of ability to express it. *Beneficia tua indigne æstimat, qui de reddendo cogitat* is as true in my mouth as his who first spoke it. God has placed you in a station above any requital of mine. Your kindness is like to create you more trouble, for having done much for me already that gives me confidence to desire more. My confirmation, consecration, fees, first fruits, &c., will cost me 2,000*l.* or 1,500*l.* before I shall receive a penny from the bishopric. I was never in debt, yet, I suppose, you and my best friends believe that I was never so much before hand, so that borrow I must, and, to enable me to repay honestly, I mean to stay here, as others do in the like case, till a little after Lady Day next. My college and Margaret Lecture I can keep without any dispensation, and perform the duties of both till then, the sinecure and archdeaconry I cannot. My Lord of Winton and some other friends told me they would speak to his Majesty that I might keep them in *commendam* as long as I pleased. I neither have nor will desire any of them to do me that favour, but refer the whole business to your goodness and prudence. If I might have the benefit of my sinecure for two years, as you kindly proffered me, and the archdeaconry for one, I shall be abundantly satisfied, for so I shall have something to live on till the revenue of the bishopric come in, otherwise I must go deeply in debt to Lincoln. [*Ibid. No. 269.*]

May 29.
Carlisle.

Edward Hornsby to Williamson. I have received a letter concerning my son. I hope ere this you have received a letter from Dean Smith. I gave him a full description of my ability, so in my brother Thomas' letter he mentions you wished him to write to see what I would bestow on my son to put him to a trade. I have a great deal of children more, and we have hard times here, however I shall do as much for him as I can, but I hope you will be pleased to order some care to be taken of him. I hope you will find him very diligent in any way you please to command him, and we solely leave him to your disposal. [*Ibid. No. 270.*]

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Dover.

John Bullacke, Mayor, to Williamson. The 24th there went out of this harbour the *Richard*, a small merchant vessel of London, with only three men on the deck, but his hold full of men, the hatches shut over them, so that it was not known to the officers at the water side that he had any more than those on deck. He went after an Ostender's prize that went out of our harbour just before him, and has taken her and carried her into Calais. His men were English and French, inhabitants of this town. One of them returned by the packet-boat last night, so I sent a warrant to the constable this morning to apprehend him, but he escaped, so I entreat your Honour's directions. [*Ibid. No. 271.*]

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May 29. Thomas Jenison, Mayor, and six others to Williamson. We
Newcastle. received notice last post that we are to certify under the town's seal the surrender of Robert Marlay, our late town-clerk and the election of William Jennison in his room, and we accordingly enclose the same, desiring your assistance in speedily obtaining his Majesty's instrument of approbation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 272.] *Enclosed,*
Certificate by the same persons of the said surrender and election.
[*Ibid.* No. 272 1.]
Surrender by Marlay of the office of town-clerk and election of Jenison thereto, 5 and 6 May. [*Copies. Ibid.* Nos. 272 II., III.]
- [May.] Note by John Rushworth that William Jennison was chosen town-clerk of Newcastle, 6 May instant, that his Majesty has signified to Sir J. Williamson his approbation of the said Jennison, and that something in writing is to be drawn up for his Majesty's approbation to be signified. [*Ibid.* No. 273.]
- [May?] 29. Commission for John Downing to be ensign to Capt. Berkeley's company in Col. Russell's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 131.*]
- May 29. The Duke of Monmouth to Col. Scott. Capt. Nichols will give you
Whitehall. this letter, to whom I have given a blank commission for the first company vacant in my regiment, which I intended for Capt. Teut (Tuite), but the Duke of York has ordered it otherwise, therefore Capt. Teut must expect the second vacancy. There is a Lieut. Cole in Col. Churchill's regiment, who was formerly my page, and, his company being now like to be reformed, I would have him for his further improvement to continue in the army. Therefore I desire you would place him in the first vacant lieutenantcy in my regiment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 38.*]
- May 29. Approbation by the King of the election of William Jennison to
be town-clerk of Newcastle on Tyne. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 64.*]
- May 29. The Duke of Lauderdale to the Lord President of the Session.
Whitehall. Informing him that his Majesty had granted Lord Craigie licence to stay at Bath during June for his health, who had parted thither from London the 17th intending to have stayed there not above a fortnight and to have returned to Edinburgh about the beginning of June, but who now finds that he can receive no great benefit from the waters in so short time. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 252.*]
- May 29. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a patent for 14
Whitehall. years in Ireland to Sir Philip Lloyd, Richard Hunt, and John Odacio Formica for their new invention of manufacturing a particular sort of crystalline glasses, resembling rock crystal, which has never been exercised by any in that kingdom. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 313.*]

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May 30. T. B. to ———. I am here ready to speak with you. This bearer can call me to you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 274.]

May 30. Dr. Daniel Danvers to Williamson. There is a small hospital here
Northampton. in the disposal of our very good friend, the Bishop of Lincoln elect, whose acquaintance I was once honoured with and perhaps it may not be quite worn out still, but I need such a potent remembrancer as yourself to move him in my behalf for the reversion after the present incumbent, Dr. Wake, who, if you will believe there is any such thing as *Religio Medici*, I heartily pray, long may live, and I think I can wait as long as any one for dead men's shoes. I cannot but think you want not better friends or more deserving persons to confer your favours on, yet perhaps there cannot be designed a fitter person than one constantly resident on the place and rightly qualified by his profession for such a crazy employment, and I think such an one was intended by the founder, and, if the poor themselves had votes, they would make such an election. [*Ibid.* No. 275.]

May 30. Richard Watts to Williamson. There are now in the Downs but
Deal. not yet at anchor above 50 Dutch merchant ships, convoyed by 4 men-of-war, homeward bound. Not a topsail gale at East. [*Ibid.* No. 276.]

May 30. A. Goodyear to Williamson. In my last I sent a list of the ships
Plymouth. now here, since when I can learn of no alteration. [*Ibid.* No. 277.]

May 31 Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords those days, which
and June 1. fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., pp. 709-712, except as follows under 31 May:—The House then went into Committee on the bill for the Test and agreed that where any person subscribes the declaration and takes the oath he shall have a certificate thereof which shall be evidence in any Court of Record, and that a clause be worded to this effect, and that all persons, who on 1 Sept. next shall be in such office or employment, and all members of either House of Parliament, who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to make the said declaration and take the said oath, shall on conviction be disabled from bearing any such beneficial office or employment, other than that of the peerage, till he conform herein, and shall forfeit 500*l.* to the Crown, provided that no member of either House shall be obliged to subscribe the said declaration or take the said oath more than once in each Parliament. [*Two copies. Ibid.* Nos. 278, 279.]

May 31. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 347. [*Ibid.* No. 280.]

May 31. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last post I acquainted you of the
Deal. arrival of above 50 Dutch merchantmen and their convoy. Afterwards three of them ran aground on the Goodwin. Two got off and one from St. Toby's (St. Ubes) laden with salt was stranded, some rigging, anchors, cables and the like only being saved. She was a fly-boat of about 300 tons.

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10 before noon. Just now arrived the *Berkeley Castle* from Bantam. Our seamen who went to assist the Dutch stranded ship say that the Dutch men-of-war's men were very savage to them, endeavouring to cut and stab several of them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 281.]

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Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of the mails and packet-boats. About noon yesterday two Holland ships were cast away on the Goodwin Sands, they and some other Dutch ships being chased by the French privateers coming from the West. Two or three of them they took in the chase and carried them away. [*Ibid.* No. 282.]

May 31.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 28th came in here the *Trial* of London and the *Gift* of Poole, both from Maryland, with tobacco for London. Both speak of the want of provision generally in that country by reason of a very hard winter, which destroyed their corn, and their hogs and cattle dying, tobacco likewise being very scarce, so that these ships could have taken in more. They came out about 6 weeks past with two great Londoners, one called the *Baltimore*, and were separated three or four days after they came out, and met all together the day before they came in off the Lizard. These two put in here for fresh water and provisions, the others passed along in sight of this harbour. These two put to sea again yesterday morning, wind N.W. Yesterday came in here the *Amity* of this harbour from Lisbon. By contrary winds she put into Kinsale, whence she came last Tuesday, and says four great Virginia men put in there, bound for England, only they stay to refresh themselves with fresh water and provisions. [*Ibid.* No. 283.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid.* No. 284.]

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Whitehall.

On the Lord Keeper's report on the reference of Viscount Powerscourt's petition, which was as follows:—I conceive the petitioner's case to be very hard, and, if letters patent were granted as desired, he would be able by virtue of your Majesty's ancient right, which is not bound by the Act of Settlement, to recover the lands in question, notwithstanding any proceedings or decrees in Ireland. But because it is of ill example to open a way for impeaching decrees by discovery of ancient titles in the Crown, I dare not advise your Majesty to gratify the petitioner by granting new letters patent, though his case be hard and accompanied with great circumstances of equity. But, if your Majesty shall direct the Lord Lieutenant to issue out a commission to inquire the value of the lands in question, and, that being found, to grant to the petitioner so many forfeited and undisposed of lands as may be equivalent to the value of the lands decreed away, and to the mesne profits thereof, for which the petitioner is liable, this may be a proper relief, so always that the petitioner bear the charges of finding out such lands and defending your Majesty's title thereto, and also of purchasing deficiencies to place thereon, if necessary: reference of the said petition and report to the Lord Treasurer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 26.*]

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Patent for 14 years to Capt. Gilbert Thomas of a new invention for making out of useless dust or powder of indigo, stone blue, flat indigo, and powder blue, such as is made in Holland. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 62.*]

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William Booth to Williamson. Requesting him to speak to Capt. Legge on his behalf concerning a ketch which he knows of that is going to Tangier, of which he has spoken to the Duke of York already. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 285.*]

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Address to the House of Commons. Renowned Patriots, I address myself to your Honours for I am confident you are the patrons of the common cause of the Protestants and are haters and enemies of the tyranny, superstition and abomination of the Pope and the Court of Rome. The necessity of all sorts of Protestants is come to the utmost extremity. The King has given up his life, his understanding, and conscience into the disposal of whores and ladies of pleasure, who do with him what they will. This very same infelicity and disaster hangs also over the heads of the Netherlands, among whom is a Prince, who is ruled by women and ungodly counsellors, committing wickednesses, and carried on by a spirit of ambition confederates with your King to bring all things under his arbitrament, treading the laws and the States under his feet even as your King does, so they are both tyrants. This kind of violence grows apace, and shall at last bring both the English and Dutch nations to be slaves, in case the Parliament and the States do not set themselves against the same. The Popish faction get the upper hand in both these Princes' courts; therefore must there be a vigorous proceeding in the contrary, or else the Protestant interest will be wholly lost. We present this case to the wise examination and scrutiny of the House, beseeching them seriously to reflect hereupon, and so with joint force and counsel between them and the States to proceed with common help and assistance, that this great and otherwise unavoidable destruction may be withstood in its beginning, ere it get the mastery. This serves only for a preparation to affairs of a greater weight hereafter to follow. No name at present subscribed for very considerable reasons. [*Two copies, addressed respectively to Sir Thomas Lee and Sir Hugh Bethell, the former endorsed by Williamson "1675, May. Libel." Ibid. Nos. 286, 287.*]

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The Fleet.

Payne Fisher to Williamson. Taking the short interval of your leisure from public affairs I have made bold to thrust a sample of this second impression so much meliorated and augmented beyond the first that it retains little thereof, unless some few material passages and what in the end relates to Queen's College.

I had long ago exposed it to the public, had my most noble friend, Mr. Wolrych of Shropshire, arrived sooner in town, the only *remora* which retarded the impression being that *Res angusta domi*, so essential to poets and prisoners.

I have designed a sufficient number for transportation (the cincture of so small an island being too narrow for so capacious a theme), and others to the Universities, especially to your own college, and one in metal as to the coal to be conserved in that

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college library. I have not printed above 733 books this bout, reserving a general impression of this poem to be printed at Paris and mingled amongst the rest of my poems purposed in the very last page of this book, as soon as I can get out of this close prison, for furtherance of which I intend to print my *Carmen ad Clerum* entitled *Deus et Rex, Rex et Episcopus*, on that fair union betwixt the Crown and Mitre as it stands in the first line of this last leaf candidate for the press, and at the end shall add 21 funeral epigrams on some great persons occasionally written by me.

I have no ways to bring myself out of prison but by putting this poem *Ad Clerum* into the press, and daily expect to be capacitated with a small sum to defray the charges of paper and printing.

I humbly beg your pardon for my ambitious boldness in desiring this to be known to this whole kingdom and the lettered part of the remoter world, how much I am your most obediently devoted servant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 370, No. 288.]

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Statement by Thomas Dickenson, Warden, that Fitzpaine Fisher was committed to the Fleet 1 July, 1673, for a debt of 7*l.* and 50*s.* damages, that by reason of his great poverty and often sickness he has paid neither his commitment fee of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* nor his chamber rent since his commitment, which is more than is due to his creditor, who will not remit one penny. There is only expected of him, if discharged, 50*s.* due to the minister and clerk of the Fleet and under-officers there. [*Ibid.* No. 289.]

[May,
after the
27th.]

D.P. to [Williamson?]. I had nothing to say to your Honour till now; that you may assure his Majesty that Don Pedro [Ronquillo] brought no moneys with him, but 1,000*l.*, which I am to receive to-day, and that for his own subsistence, till more is remitted, so there is none to bestow or to corrupt. The Dutch Ambassador was with him yesterday for three hours. I heard them sometimes when they spoke loud, being in the next room, to differ in opinion, and one reproach the conduct of the other's master, and Don Pedro's delay in coming. By some odd words of theirs I could hear, and of Don Pedro's asking me after the conference was ended, what a man excluded of the benefit of the law was, and by other men's talk that come to see him, they wish the House of Commons would outlaw all that would not obey the proclamation (of 19 May, 1675) and serve the French King hereafter, and also to make another address for calling home the forces before the late treaty of peace under the same penalty, and he told me, he wished he had been here two months ago. Several that come to see him offer to bring him some acquainted with this or that Parliament man. He said in my hearing he desired it not, alleging that yet he knows not where he is, that he must look about him first. Some assure him that the City will petition against the excessive profits of the French by the English commerce, and charged me to go into the City to my acquaintances to know the certainty of it. Many are come to him to-day to give him joy of a fight of some French ships with one of his Majesty's men-of-war for not striking. All this seems to

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make him wish a conclusion of the debate about the Ostend ships, which will be entered on this afternoon. Of that, and all other business that shall come to my knowledge, I shall not fail to give notice to your Honour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 290.*]

[May.]

"Heads of several bills brought in to the Commons' House during their session begun 13 February (*sic*, it should be April), 1674-5, viz., Bill to prevent frauds and perjuries; Bill for better assurance of such as claim under ancient Fines and Recoveries; Act explaining an Act for preventing dangers from Popish Recusants; Bill for the better trial of Peers; Bill to prevent members of the House of Commons taking any public offices; Act for preventing the illegal exaction of money; Bill for relief of prisoners detained for criminal matters; Act to avoid unnecessary suits; Bill for appropriating the tonnage duties to the use of the Navy; Bill to prevent illegal imprisonments; Bill to prevent (*mistake for permit*) the exportation of leather. (See *Commons' Journals for May*, *passim*.) [*Ibid.* No. 291.]

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The case of the poor prisoners humbly remonstrated to the Parliament. The care of Parliament shown by the gracious Act of 22 and 23 Car. II., and the bill prepared last sessions to supply the deficiencies thereof has revived a belief in them that Parliament will consider their grievances, especially as the motives for the said Act are rather enlarged than contracted, and the numbers of poor distressed prisoners exceedingly increased especially in the prisons in and about London, some of which are so full that 50 persons or more have been and are shut up together in one room in which 20 could hardly be conveniently disposed, to the great annoyance of each other and of the whole prison, and, it is much to be feared to the corrupting of the air, and consequently the causing of such contagious diseases as may issue in a public calamity.

To enumerate all the grievances and oppressions that the poorest sort of prisoners suffer by the merciless tyranny of many of their creditors and the barbarous insulting deportment of gaolers and their creatures would be too prolix, and vary from the design of this paper, which is only briefly to state their incapacity to make any satisfaction to their creditors, for the case of such only is here stated as are so extremely impoverished, some through national calamities, and others by misfortunes not to be withstood or foreseen, and reduced to such a helpless condition as render them fit objects for relief, whereof at least 40,000 may be in various capacities very serviceable to his Majesty, themselves, and friends.

The verity of these assertions will be easily manifested to a committee appointed to inspect it, to whom many other things necessary to be discovered and regulated touching prisoners and prisons will be made known.

'Tis hoped no other arguments need be used, to quicken Parliament to an early, serious and effectual consideration of the premises. (See *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., pp. 381, 385, 386, 341, 347.) [*Printed paper. Ibid.* No. 292.]

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Reasons offered to Parliament by drapers, mercers, haberdashers, grocers, hosiers and other trading housekeepers of the great decay of their trades.

A sort of people called pedlars, hawkers and petty chapmen contrary to law carry about, dispose and sell in all the cities, towns, villages and hamlets very great quantities of goods belonging to the said trades to the ruin of the said tradesmen, and the great inconvenience and danger of the whole nation, with arguments to support the above propositions. [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370. No. 293.*]

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Answer offered to Parliament to the above pretended reasons against pedlars, &c., setting forth the benefit they are to the people. Though many of them are of the other nation of Scotland, it ought not to be complained of, they being also the same King's subjects. Statutes against pedlars, &c., were only meant to apply to such as misdemean themselves by begging, idleness, &c., and until shortly before the late troubles the justices were empowered to license honest and industrious pedlars, &c. (For both these papers see *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., pp. 328, 332, 335.*) [*Printed paper. Ibid. No. 294.*]

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Exceptions to the bill against levying money; that it may take away the King's tolls, fines of alienations, both primer and post fines, and fines in courts of justice; that it takes away the power to try cases of duties or impositions, since no doubtful point can be tried without hazarding the life of the officer concerned, who, if he makes any mistake, is attainted of high treason; that the clause making it treasonable to levy any money on the subject for the King, save by Act of Parliament, will disable all judges from imposing fines, as the fines go to the King, &c. It will give the like occasion of complaint as did 21 Rich. II., that no man shall know how to behave himself. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 324.*) [*Ibid. No. 295.*]

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Suggested proviso in the Act [for levying money] that it may still be lawful to the King to receive the usual duty or composition of 12*d.* the chaldron for sea and pit coal. [*Ibid. No. 296.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant, after reciting a grant dated 20 June, 1660, to Samuel Mearne, of the office of Bookbinder to the King, and a warrant of 10 June last for swearing the said Mearne into the office of Stationer in Ordinary, which was accordingly done, and a petition from him praying a surrender of the said grants, and a new grant to him and his son, Charles, for a grant of the offices of Bookbinder, Bookseller and Stationer to the King, to the said Samuel and Charles Mearne for their lives and the life of the survivor. [4 pages. *Precedents 1, f. 68.*]

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Deal.

Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 370. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward Bound.	Inward Bound.	Wind.	Remarks.
297	May 2	1	4	0	N.E.	{ Two outward bound gone through and stopped not.
298	" 3	2	3	3	N.E.	
299	" 4	1	1	2	N.E.	
300	" 6	2	1	4	S.S.W.	
301	" 7	3	1	4	S.E.	
302	" 8	4	2	5	S.E.	
303	" 10	4	5	2	E.	
304	" 11	4	3	3	S.	
305	" 13	3	1	3	E.	
306	" 14	3	2	0	S.	
307	" 15	3	2	1	N.E.	
308	" 16	4	1	0	N.E.	
309	" 17	3	2	0	N.E.	
310	" 18	3	1	2	S.W.	
311	" 19	3	4	0	S.	
312	" 20	3	5	0	S.E.	{ With some others that went through the Downs not spoken with.
313	" 21	3	0	0	N.E.	
314	" 22	3	1	0	N.E.	
315	" 23	3	0	0	E.	
316	" 25	3	1	0	S.W.	
317	" 26	4	4	13	S.W.	
318	" 27	4	10	4	W.	
319	" 28	4	2	6	N.E.	
320	" 29	4	2	0	N.E.	
321	" 30	3	2	1	E.	
322	" 31	1	2	5	E.	

- June 1. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 712. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 371, No. 1.]
- June 1. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 348. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 2, 3.*]
- June 1 & 2. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords those days, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., pp. 712-717. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 4, 5.*]
- June 1. Richard Potts to Williamson. A long wished for shower to-day. Wind N.E. [*Ibid. No. 6.*]
- June 1. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last Sunday passed by a fleet of laden colliers towards the River. Yesterday towards evening one of our packet-boats arrived, bringing many passengers but no news. They came from the Brill Sunday morning, the wind being mostly easterly. Last night we had a great deal of rain and all this morning the wind has been uncertain. Now it is southerly.

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This month will conclude an half-year's account in obedience to your commands last December, ordering the registering the times of the arrivals and departures of our packet-boats, which, with the account of his Majesty's subjects deserting foreign services and passing over in them, shall be ready when either your leisure or pleasure shall command them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 7.*]

June 1.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. Sending list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 8.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 8 1.*]

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Careat that nothing pass without notice to Sir Gilbert Talbot concerning Mr. Fitzgerald of Ratroan obtaining a writ of error against Sir Edward Sutton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 11.*]

June 1.
Whitehall.

Reference of the petition of Hellen Wolsley, Col. Pretty, Col. Hene, Major Lorimer, Capt. Bell and other loyal indigent officers to whom his Majesty lately gave a patent for all lotteries, except the Royal Oak Lottery, for 13 years, praying an order to the Groom Porter and the Master of the Revels to desist from the exercise or erecting of any lotteries, to the Lord Keeper to examine how the matter of right stands between the petitioners and the Master of the Revels and between them and the Groom Porter, and to report the same with his opinion thereon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 27.*]

June 2 & 3.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords those days, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII, pp. 717-719.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, Nos. 9, 10.*]

June 2.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX, p. 350.* [*Ibid. No. 11.*]

June 2.

Certificate by William Wood and Josiah Ricroft that Robert Guthery, late of Dundee, but now of London, mariner, had taken before them that day the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. [*Ibid. No. 12.*]

June 2.
London.

Sir J. Barckman Leyenbergh to [Williamson]. I was sorry to hear to-day, at Whitehall, that you were not well and had taken physic. I trouble you with these lines, since my lord Ambassador told me you had not seen the King, my master's, letter to the States General of 5 Dec. last. I may be mistaken in thinking I imparted it to you as soon as it came to my hands, but I am sure we spoke of it, when I sent you the printed memorials of M. Ehrensteen, where the said letter was joined at the end of his memorials. And, whereas I have since had them translated and printed for my own and some friends' satisfaction, I send herewith some exemplars thereof. [*Ibid. No. 18.*]

June 2.

The Earl of Pembroke to Williamson. Requesting him to obtain the King's approbation of the persons therein named to be deputy-lieutenants for Wiltshire. (The names are the same as those approved, *post*, p. 161, with the addition of Sir Edward Baynton, K.B., and Sir John Coventry, K.B.) [*Ibid. No. 14.*]

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Oxford.

Dr. John Wallis to Williamson. We understood to-night by a letter from Mr. Everard that our business is but just where it was. The Commissioners now pretend that, the suit being in Stirt's name, they cannot dismiss it without order from him, that they hear nothing from him to that purpose, though it is pretended that they have sent to him, that, when he signifies his consent and will relinquish his licence he shall have his bonds delivered up, but before it cannot be done. The Vice-Chancellor thereupon sent for Stirt, while I was present, to know whether he had sent any such order. He says, he heard nothing from them at all of any such thing, that he never knew the suit was in his name, nor ever gave order for it. For his own part he never would have contended with the University at all, and would relinquish his licence with all his heart, if he might have his bonds. He had long since desired of them to have given over Lady Day last, but they (at least Mr. Downs, one of them) told him that they could not, nor would not deliver up his bonds, but, if he would give over, they would yet have the forfeiture of the bonds of him or his sureties, and that the Lord Treasurer would spend 1,000*l.*, but that he would maintain him in it. He now tells us that he will write to them to-morrow, that he is willing the suit be dismissed, and will deliver up his licence if he may have his bonds, and will cast himself on the mercy of the University, and says he has formerly so written to them. You see our delays, and it is now so far gone, Tuesday next being our day of hearing in the Exchequer, that, if we know not by Friday night any certainty, some of us must be at London on Saturday, to prepare against Tuesday morning.

Postscript.—After sending this Stirt tells me he will be with you to-morrow himself, and bring or send you this letter. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 15.*]

June 2.
Sunderland.

Samuel Hodgkin to Williamson. To-day the coal owners and fitters of this river have begun to mend this harbour, by taking away a shoal called the Stell, which seems to be very feasible, and will make a very good harbour. A considerable fleet of laden colliers is now off this. Our vessels from Holland and Flanders complain much of the incivility of the Dunkirk and Ostend capers. [*Ibid. No. 16.*]

June 2.
D-al.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday the French fleet, being two stout ships, two small ships and three sloops, plied to windward towards the Dutch fleet, being four men-of-war and about 50 merchantmen homeward-bound at the Back or East part of the Goodwin. But, when the French saw the Dutch resolved to fight them, they tacked to the Eastward and let them go by. They now appear again at the Back of the Goodwin, sailing southerly. Wind S.W., not a topsail gale. [*Ibid. No. 17.*]

June 2.
Whitehall.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Recommending John Ceely, M.A., prebendary of that cathedral, a person of piety, wisdom, and learning, for the next vacant place of canon residentiary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 70.*]

Another copy thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 18.*]

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June 3. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 352. [Two copies. *S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 371, Nos. 19, 20.]
- June 3. Heads offered on behalf of the House of Lords at the conference concerning the House of Commons attaching Serjeant Peck and others, Crispe's counsel. (*Printed in Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 718.) [*Ibid.* No. 21.]
- June 3. B. di Barborè to Williamson. I believed that being Turk in ordinary the King's servant in the capacity of superintendent for regulating the manufactures of this kingdom, this would have served me for protection, of which I never believed I stood in need. By the malice of a woman I have been arrested and sent to Newgate, no regard being paid to my protection, and no request (as the order is) having been presented to the Lord Chamberlain. The business I had with that woman's husband related to accounts, wherein I have paid several letters of exchange and bought goods on his account. I beg you to intercede for me with the Lord Chamberlain that I may come out of this by his authority, since he is my master after the King, and, if you find it good, that I write to the King. I commit my business to your prudence, and to the friendship you have promised me. [*French. Ibid.* No. 22.]
- June 3. Dr. J. Fell to Williamson. Your great kindness for this place will, I know, render you not displeased with the account of what has passed here in the reception of the young Prince of Neuburg, who came to us late Tuesday night very unexpected. However, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, myself and Dr. Marshall attended on him to bid him welcome, and tender him the respects of the University. Yesterday morning the Vice-Chancellor being detained by the necessity of beginning the term, myself and Dr. Marshall attended the Prince, and, having provided four coaches for the reception of his Highness and servants, brought him first to Christ Church where my young men gave him a volley of poetical shot, and the canons, noblemen, gentlemen and students of all conditions made a solemn appearance. Having paid his Highness what respect we could and showed him our public buildings, we conducted him to St. John's. From thence we passed through the grove, having ordered the coaches to go about, and visited Wadham, then New College, then we showed him your buildings, afterwards Magdalen College and the Physic Garden and Merton College. By this time it grew to be noon, and it was time to wait on the Prince to his lodgings. After dinner we attended him to visit the University, and, having signified that they were met in Convocation to receive him, and present his Highness and such of his train as he thought fit, to a degree, he accepted the proposal as to his own person, but declined it as to any one else. Whether he did so in point of greatness, or upon intimation that one of his dependants had made some indecent proposals under his pretence to bring in unfit men to share that respect of ours I know not, but we obeyed his pleasure, and, having while the Convocation was gathered together and settled, showed his Highness the fabric of the Schools, the Library and curiosities there, we conducted

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him solemnly into the Convocation House, where Dr. Bouchier, the Professor, with a short and elegant speech presented him to the degree of Doctor of Laws. He being seated in a seat raised on purpose and handsomely adorned for him, Mr. Vice-Chancellor in a like elegant oration created him, after which the Pro-Orator, Mr. Wiatt of our House, with great dexterity addressed him in the name of the University. From hence the whole University attended him to the Theatre, where also a peculiar seat was raised, and here we gave him a treat of music. Afterward his Highness viewed the Printing offices (which he had never seen, as it happened, before), the roof and other particularities, which done, we attended him homeward, and in the way showed him All Souls' College. This morning Mr. Vice-Chancellor, myself and others have taken our leaves, and presented his Highness with the History and Cuts of the University in two volumes fairly bound. The whole performance went with order and solemnity, and, so far as we can discern, has given satisfaction. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 23.]

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Oxford.

Dr. John Wallis to Williamson. I suppose, before this comes, you will have received mine of last night, which I directed Stirt, the vintner, about whom our contest has been, to deliver to you himself. You will, I presume, as well by this as the former carriages, perceive that there is a design by delays and chargeable attendances to weary out ourselves and our friends from pursuing this business, which yet we are so deeply concerned to bring to a good issue, as absolutely necessary for preserving the good discipline of this place. You know very well that my Lord Treasurer, before we came out of town, declared himself satisfied, and promised the Duke of Ormonde and yourself, as he had before done to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, that the suit in the Exchequer should be presently dismissed, and the Attorney-General and divers of the Commissioners had done the like. You and Mr. Everard by your direction have since solicited it, and it is now pretended that, the suit being in Stirt's name, they cannot dismiss it but by his direction, to whom having written about it, they have yet received no answer. (Stirt's version of the affair as in Wallis' last letter calendared *ante*, p. 148.) I doubt that, things being put off thus long, I must be in London by Saturday night, that I may have at least a day to prepare against Tuesday morning, unless by to-night's post we have somewhat of certainty from Mr. Everard to the contrary. I think it not improper you stay Stirt in town till Tuesday be over, that he may say as much in Court, if there be occasion, as he promised to say to you. I write this, lest, when Stirt comes to the Commissioners, they may persuade him not to deliver you my letter. [*Ibid.* No. 24.]

June 3.
Rye.

James Welsh to Williamson. A vessel arrived here to-day from Dieppe, bringing news of a battle lately fought betwixt the Germans and the French, wherein the French are said to have lost 10,000 men. [*Ibid.* No. 25.]

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Warrant to Serjeant James Beck to search for and take into custody Thomas Felton, Groom of the Bedchamber, and carry him

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to the Tower, for sending a challenge to a peer ; and also Henry Bulkeley for carrying the same. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 136.*]
- June 3. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive the above two gentlemen into his custody and keep them safely till further order. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- June 3. The Duke of Monmouth to Matthew Robinson, at Newmarket.
Whitehall. The King, hearing of your indisposition, has dispatched the bearer, M. Forcade, one of his own chirurgeons, to endeavour your recovery, which I wish he may effect. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 38.*]
- June 3. The Duke of Monmouth to Col. Scott. Major Kirke having
Whitehall. earnest business on his father's death that will require his stay here longer than he intended, I have dispensed with his absence, and, that the regiment might not suffer in it, I have ordered Capt. Ramsay to execute the place of major, till Mr. Kirke's return. [*Ibid. p. 39.*]
- June 3. The Duke of Monmouth to Capt. Ramsay. Empowering him to
Whitehall. discharge the duties of major during Major Kirke's absence. [*Ibid.*]
- June 3. The Duke of Monmouth to the Bishop of St. Asaph. Recom-
Whitehall. mending to him the bearer, Mr. Jones, one from his diocese, who has served these two years as chaplain to his regiment in France, and requesting him to bestow on him the first vacant living in his disposal that shall be fit for him. [*Ibid.*]
- June 3. Warrant, after reciting a grant dated 28 March, 1674, to John
Whitehall. Ogilby, of the place of Cosmographer, and his petition for the acceptance of a surrender thereof and for a new grant thereof to himself and his kinsman, William Morgan, for a grant of the said office to the said Ogilby and Morgan and the survivor of them during pleasure, the said Ogilby surrendering the said recited grant. [*Precedents 1, f. 77.*]
- June 4. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which
fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 720.* [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, Nos. 26, 27.*]
- June 4 & 5. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., pp. 352-354.* [*Ibid. No. 28.*]
- June 4. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 29.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 29 1.*]
- June 4. Extract from a letter from the captain of the *Garland* describing
how a French privateer off Dungeness refused to strike, though fired at continually for two hours, pretending he took them for Dutch ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, No. 157.*]
- June 4. Statement by Louis Cayroze, merchant, of London, giving
London. particulars of his goods taken by the Ostenders on board the *Barbara Maria*, the *Hope*, the *Charity*, the *James* and the *Mary* of Dover, all neutral vessels, and adding that he has given all necessary proofs at Ostend and Brussels, where he has appealed,

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but the only justice he has received is that of complaining of the exorbitant costs he has been charged with, and that no way remains to him, but such as his Majesty shall prescribe, and imploring his assistance. *Endorsed*, "5 June, 1675, from M. Le Pin for M. Cayroze." [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 30.*]

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Statement of Mr. Cayroze's case. The ships *Barbara and Mary, Charity, Hope and Bunch of Grapes* belong to Swedes, Danes, and Hamburgers, and on their return from France, where they were laden, were taken by the Spaniards, and carried into Ostend. Mr. Cayroze is concerned for several goods in them, which belong to himself. His friends at Ostend write that, though they have duly claimed his goods in the Admiralty Court there, yet, for want of speedy justice and the ill-usage they suffer, being mostly wines and brandy, they are like to be utterly spoiled. He prays the King's letter to the Governor of Flanders, desiring him to command the Admiralty Court to administer speedy justice to him according to the law of Admiralty and the treaties between the two Crowns, and to restore such goods forthwith as he shall prove to belong to him. *Endorsed*, "State of Mr. Cayroze's case. Sir W. Godolphin." [*Ibid. No. 31.*]

June 4.
Kinsale.

Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. Shipping news. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 165.*]

June 5.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 725.* [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 370, Nos. 32, 33.*]

June 5.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 354.* [*Ibid. No. 34.*]

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Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons those days, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., pp. 354, 355.* [*Ibid. No. 35.*]

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Oxford.

Dr. John Wallis to Williamson. Mr. Everard's letter came to hand yesterday, time enough to prevent my journey to London, understanding thereby that the hearing for Tuesday next is put off till the Tuesday following. 'Tis strange that, when every body profess themselves satisfied in what we pretend to be our right, we should meet with nothing but delays, in a business which might be so soon dispatched, either by adjudging our right, or at least by dismissing the cause. I doubt the putting it off from Tuesday to Tuesday is but in order to the putting off for this term, which is but short, and then they will think themselves quit of us at least till Michaelmas Term. I cannot think it is my Lord Treasurer's design to use us thus, but somebody else's, whose business it is to abuse both him and us. I should think that, if the Lord Chief Baron were acquainted how the Lord Treasurer professes himself satisfied and the Attorney-General also, and how little it is the King's pleasure we should have this trouble given us, he would without further trouble dismiss the suggestion, especially since he has already declared, that, if in our charter we have not

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only affirmative, but also negative words [that none but we, &c.], as we have very fully, the right is then clearly ours by the proviso in the late Act. But I am not to prescribe you methods, but only implore your assistance.

Postscript.—I do not understand what that discourse is of Mr. Warcup, with which he tells Mr. Everard that he thinks we are satisfied, nor does Mr. Vice-Chancellor. But, if he mean the overture of obtaining a new grant for us to license a greater number, and thereon found a revenue, &c., it is wholly contrary to our desires. For, though the University be not so rich, but that a new accession to our revenue would be welcome, yet it is not our design to advance a revenue by licensing more taverns, but to pursue our discipline by restraining the number, and that neither others nor even ourselves should have a power to license more. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 36.*]

June 5.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind keeping southerly and westerly, the packet-boat which came from the Brill last Wednesday did not arrive here till about noon to-day. The master informs me that last Monday off Dunkirk or Calais, five or six French men-of-war encountered the Dutch Smyrna fleet of about 40 sail, but under the convoy of about 5 men-of-war. The French fought them, but, as it reported in Holland, without any success. Several or most of the Dutch fleet are gone into the Texel and to their other ports.

A French privateer of 10 guns that for some time had plied betwixt this coast and Holland was this week also, as I understand him, encountered by a Dutch man-of-war, and after a brisk fight for half-a-day, and several on both sides slain, was mastered and carried into Holland. [*Ibid. No. 37.*]

[June 5.]

The King's answer to the Lords' Address for removing Sir John Robinson from the lieutenantancy of the Tower. (Printed in *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 725.) [*Ibid. No. 38.*]

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Warrant for Henry Bulkeley's release from the Tower on his paying the usual fees. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 136.*]

June 5.
Whitehall.

The Duke of Monmouth to Major Kirke. As he has allowed Mr. Sarsfield the pay of a capt.-lieutenant reformed for his pains in soliciting the business of the regiment at Paris, requiring him to take care that the said allowance be paid him out of the pay of those reformed officers who are allowed to the regiment, and likewise ordering that the profits out of the *estat-major*, after deducting the pay of the several officers concerned, be equally divided between the colonel-lieutenant, lieut.-colonel and major as likewise all other advantages to be made upon the musters by the absence or death of officers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 40.*]

June 5.

The King's Speech to the Houses of Parliament. (Printed in *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 725.) [*Precedents 1, f. 75.*]

June 7.

Journal of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 726. [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, Nos. 39, 40.*]

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June 7. Journal of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 355. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 41.*]
- June 7. Richard Gleadow to Williamson. Last week arrived here two ships from Virginia, laden with tobacco. Both bring news of a great dearth there this winter both by want of corn as also by the death of almost all their cattle and hogs, so that the ships there may be much straitened for provision. Three others also arrived. The masters of all these ships report that the lighthouses lately built on the Spurn at Humber mouth did them much good, and are of very great and necessary use for avoiding the danger of the great sand lately cast up there, of which many ships have formerly perished. [*Ibid. No. 42.*]
- June 7. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of packet-boats and mails. On Friday a small French man-of-war, who would not strike to one of his Majesty's ships, was forced to run into this harbour, and is here stayed for his contempt. [*Ibid. No. 43.*]
- June 7. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W.N.W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]
- June 7. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 45.*]
- June 7. Francis Bellott to Williamson. The wind having been at N. or W. there are very few ships in the port. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]
- June 7. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 8rd came in here the *Hope* of Amsterdam for Rochelle, which reports that last Tuesday off the Ness she saw the Dutch fleet with their convoy standing very close together so that they could not tell their number, and five French men-of-war, which, it seems, had some skirmish the day before with them, for they heard several guns, but the French gave way to the Dutch, and that one of their ships was on fire betwixt both fleets, but how it came on fire they cannot tell, unless the French put it on fire themselves, that it should not fall into the hands of the Dutch. There also came in the *Bachelor* of London, bound for Newfoundland and so for the Straits. They spoke with the *Cambridge*, and, though the report was here that they had 80 men killed, they say there was none. Other shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 47.*]
- June 7. John Man to Williamson. By a small vessel of Scilly we are informed that about 17 leagues off the Land's End he met with two Turks men-of-war of betwixt 40 and 50 guns apiece, who sent their boat on board, and finding him to be English told him they were straitened for provisions, having met with no prizes, and that they must borrow some of him. They would pay him one time or other. They took his compass, some beef and pork, &c., and dismissed him very civilly. He says they were more civil to him than the Ostenders were the last voyage, for they cut his anchors from his bow and used him very discourteously.

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We are informed by Anthony Cole, master and part owner, as he alleges, of the *Hopeful* of London bound for Dundalk with wheat, that 24 May he lost his ship not far from his intended port, and all his men but himself and one other. [*S.P. Dom.. Car. II.* 371, No. 48.]

June 7.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting a grant dated 29 Aug., 1671, to Edward Vernon of the town and village of Clontarf, and the lands of Hollybrook and the island of Clontarf, co. Dublin, and of all the messuages and hereditaments lying within the limits of the said town, village, lands and island, for the creation of the premises into a manor by the name of the manor of Clontarf, with power to the said Edward Vernon to set apart 300 acres or less for the demesne lands of the said manor, and to alien in fee or for lives any part of the premises to be holden as of the said manor, notwithstanding the statute of *Quia Emptores*, in free and common socage or by suit of court or otherwise, and to hold a Court Leet and view of frank pledge and a Court Baron and to impark 300 acres or more or less for deer and other beasts of venery with a grant of all waifs, strays, &c., and with power to the said Edward Vernon to hold a Court of Record within the said manor to have cognizance of pleas for any sum not exceeding 20s., with a grant to him of all customs, anchorages, flockages, heriots, tolbutts, fens, brooks, water weirs, fishings, quays, creeks, sands, seashores, wrecks, gulfs, pools and other immunities and franchises formerly belonging to the said lands and islands, with power to the said Edward Vernon to hold two yearly fairs at the town of Clontarf at the rent for the said fairs of 10s. *per annum*. [*Over 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 314.*]

June 8. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear by *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 727*, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 356*, with an account of the proceedings of the House of Commons the previous afternoon, which fully appear by *Commons' Journals, ubi supra*. [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, Nos. 49, 50.]

June 8. Silas Taylor to Williamson. We have here a report, though the Dutch do not acknowledge any loss, that two of their Smyrna fleet miscarried, one sunk by a French man-of-war and another run aground on the Goodwin Sands, and there, as some say, set on fire. It is further said that the French fought them a whole day, but the particulars we have not yet received. The wind blows fresh northerly; no packet-boat since my last has arrived from Holland. [*Ibid. No. 51.*]

June 8. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W.N.W. The *Monmouth* yacht was yesterday paid, which was the only occasion of their tarrying here and not proceeding to their station on the coast of Ireland. [*Ibid. No. 52.*]

June 8. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 53.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 53 r.]

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Tuesday, Sir J. Williamson to the Lord Great Chamberlain. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he give notice to the Lords to be in their robes to-morrow at the House, his Majesty having something to say to them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 39.*]
- June 8. Sir J. Williamson to Lord Falconbridge (Fauconberg). Giving him 10 p.m. notice of his Majesty's intention as in the last letter, that the Band Whitehall. of Pensioners may be ready to attend. [*Ibid. p. 40.*]
- June 8. Sir J. Williamson to the Master of the Jewel House. Giving him 10 p.m. notice of his Majesty's intention as in the last two letters, that he Whitehall. may have the Crown and Robes ready at 10 o'clock. [*Ibid.*]
- June 8. Sir J. Williamson to the Governor of the East India Company. Whitehall. In execution of the last article of the Treaty Marine of 1 Dec., 1674, by his Majesty's commands transmitting him the enclosed authentic copy of the said treaty, that it may in all things be punctually observed by the Company. [*Ibid. p. 41.*]
- June 8. Commission to Prince Rupert to be Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. Whitehall. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 13.*]
- June 8. Appointment of John Bolt, the elder, of Winchfield, and Thomas Whitehall. Terry, of Cleworth, to be agistors within the Forest of Windsor. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 65.*]
- June 8. Warrant for a grant to Robert Thornton of the office of Provost Whitehall. Marshal of Jamaica in reversion after Sir Thomas Lynch. [*Precedents 1, f. 78.*]
- June 8. Passport for Elias Payne, master of the *Unity*, of London, and Whitehall. for his said ship. [*Ibid. f. 79.*]
- June 8. William Harbord to [William Bridgeman]. My Lord Lieutenant has commanded me to acquaint Mr. Secretary Williamson that the Earl of Tyrone, being a peer and privy councillor of Ireland, Governor of the county and city of Waterford, and captain of a foot company, is lately gone for England without licence from the Lord Lieutenant, which his Excellency apprehends not only to be a disrespect to his Majesty, whom he represents, but that such practices will breed a contempt in the officers of the army to their General, and he desires that no licence may pass from his Majesty to dispense with his absence. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 166.*]
- June 8. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that Whitehall. there having lately happened a difference between the Commissioners of the Treasury in Ireland and the Duke of Ormonde about the payment of 5,000*l. per annum* payable by virtue of a contract between the King and the said Duke, application was made to the Lord Lieutenant, who, conceiving himself restrained by an Order in Council in England of 14 Jan., 1673[-4] from determining the matter, transmitted the proceedings to the Earl of Danby and Secretary Coventry, and gave orders that 2,500*l.*, the present money in question, should be detained in the hands of the Farmers of the Irish revenue till 18 June instant, that the King's pleasure might be known, and a reference of the Duke's petition to the Earl of Danby and his report dated 7 June that the difference in question,

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relating only to an account, ought properly to be heard and determined by the Lord Lieutenant, whom his Majesty may empower to proceed therein, notwithstanding the said Order in Council: confirming the said report and authorizing the Lord Lieutenant to proceed to determining the said difference, notwithstanding the said Order in Council, and in the meantime to give order for continuing the said sum in the hands of the said farmers, till the said difference be settled. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 317.*]

June 9. Journal of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 729*, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 357*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 54.*]

June 9. The King's Speech to the Parliament. (Printed in *Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 729.*) [*Two MSS. and 4 printed copies. Ibid. Nos. 55-60.*]

June 9. Order in Council on the petition of Richard Wescombe, Nicholas
Whitehall. Warren and George Torriano showing that the *Anna and Margaret* with her lading valued at 13,000*l.* having been wrongfully taken in time of peace by a Hollander, on the petitioners' application his Majesty from time to time and especially during the intended treaty in Holland and at Cologne ordered his ambassadors to insist for payment of the same, which could not be obtained for the general stop of proceedings there, but, another treaty having been afterwards renewed by the Spanish ambassador here, the petitioners' case was also referred to him in order to procure satisfaction, which, after the peace was concluded, he undertook to do, but he returned to Spain before bringing the business to an issue, and praying his Majesty to recommend their condition to the succeeding Spanish ministers here and to the present Dutch ambassadors and to direct his ambassador in Holland, that they may continue to interpose for a speedy dispatch and relief therein: that Secretary Williamson effectually recommend the petitioners' case as well to the ambassador at the Hague as to the Spanish and Dutch ministers here. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]

June 9. Order in Council for naturalizing the *Greenland Adventure* and
Whitehall. the *Hope*, of Hull, purchased in foreign parts and fitted out for that voyage at the expense of near 6,000*l.* by the Greenland merchants of Hull, on the petition of the same. [*Ibid. No. 62.*]

June 9. Richard Watts to Williamson. Some gentlemen from Holland
Deal. report that General Montecuculi has engaged Monsr. Turenne, and that the French King and the Prince of Orange are within 20 miles of each other, every day expecting an engagement.

This mackerel time they have caught so many that in the Isle of Thanet 50 very new out of the boats were sold for 4*d.* last week, the winds blowing fresh and against them so that they could not go for London. Within those eight days we have had much rain, corn of all sorts much prospering, and that like to be good which was almost scorched. Wind fresh at N.E. [*Ibid. No. 63.*]

June 9. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and
Dover. departure of the mails and packet-boats. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]

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London.

Newsletter. The Lower House has ventured to arrest the King's General Advocate and three others who pleaded an appellation before the Upper House, and, the officers of the Upper House having delivered them, they were sent to the Tower. Next morning the Speaker of the Commons saw the four advocates with many lords at Whitehall, had them seized and sent to the Tower, and received the thanks of the House. The Lords addressed the King and obtained an order for the release of the advocates, but the Lieutenant of the Tower said he would not do it without the command of the Commons. Mr. Felton, Groom of the Bedchamber, is also sent to the Tower. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 65.*]

June 9. *Caveat* on behalf of Sir Edward Carteret and Mr. Mitton that no grant pass of the estate of Jonathan Frost, late a pawnbroker, now prisoner in the Marshalsea, who is to be tried for clipping. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 11.*]

June 10. Edward Rigby to Williamson. Having been twice at your lodging Gray's Inn. to-day about the business I formerly mentioned and finding you either not at leisure or not at home, I make bold to trouble you with this by the bearer (who is the person who stays in town only to know whether a pardon may be obtained or not) to beg you to let me know where the gentleman lives whom you have engaged to beg the pardon, and what his name is and whether he has made any progress, and how soon a *fiat* may be obtained, for I hear his Majesty intends for Windsor in a day or two, and, if it be not done before, I shall in a great measure despair of its ever being done. I humbly entreat you to acquaint me, if any thing is, or is likely to be done, and how soon it may be expected, if at all. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 66.*]

June 10. Silas Taylor to Williamson. By the packet-boat arrived here Harwich. last Tuesday afternoon we were informed that the Hollanders say the rencontre was betwixt 4 men-of-war and about 30 of the Holland St. Uball fleet (and not their Smyrna fleet), with 5 or 6 French men-of-war, who fell on them in a fog and took two of their fleet and they miss a third, but, when the mist cleared up, they say they beat the French, who fled before them. They further report that last Sunday they heard very many guns, and were told by a vessel they met at sea, that those French men-of-war and some Dutch men-of-war had met, and were in fight, but the certainty of it we have not received.

For several days many laden colliers for the river have passed by.

This morning another packet-boat came in, by whom we are informed that the war against the Swedes was proclaimed last Tuesday at the Brill, and four days before at Amsterdam. They brought over, as is reported, a Polonian envoy, who is gone for London. [*Ibid. No. 67.*]

June 10. Thomas Langley to Sir Capel Lucken or Thomas King, burgesses Harwich. This town in general is oppressed by Dutchmen that lie always begging about the streets and to me in particular for passage and victual in the packet-boats, which I am not able to do,

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I pray you therefore to speak to the Dutch Ambassador to provide for his countrymen, for I have writ very often, but can get no satisfaction from him, I having carried and victualled several hundreds myself, besides the charge our town is at.

War was proclaimed last Tuesday at Rotterdam between the Dutch and the Swedes. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 68.]

June 10.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Matha and Millior* of Cork came in here, which came lately from Dunkirk, and reports that the French King is drawing out of that and all other garrisons what forces they can spare to reinforce his army in Flanders, and that there are about 40 capers belonging to that place. The *Owen and David* of London has taken in about 45 hogsheads of tin in bars, and is put to sea again to-day for Leghorn or Smyrna, wind N. Last Monday passed before this the *St. David* with several merchantmen under his convoy from Barbados, and it is supposed they put into Plymouth the day after, the wind being N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 69.]

June 10.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid.* No. 70.]

June 10.

Warrant for Mr. Felton's release from the Tower, on his paying the usual fees. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 136.]

June 10.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Mr. Jolliffe. Having been for many years a witness of the great zeal and diligence with which poor Mr. Harris served the interests of the Merchant Adventurers' Company, recommending Mr. Kynvin, his son-in-law, for the employment he had under the Company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 41.]

June 10.
11 p.m.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Mayor of Dover. I have received both yours of yesterday concerning the Ostend privateer there, that had committed the insolence upon the French shallop upon the Stade before Folkestone, and having communicated them to his Majesty I am commanded to signify his pleasure that, notwithstanding what you say in your last letter of the privateer's having given satisfaction for the damage and restored the shallop and goods, you continue to make stay of the said privateer to answer the insolence and offence committed against his Majesty in the violation of his port, in which further order will be forthwith taken. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book* 43, p. 42.]

June 10.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Sir Francis Wyndham and Thomas Wyndham, which showed that Dr. Nicholas Love of Winchester made his last will 8 Sept., 1630, being then possessed of a lease of the manor of Crundall for 99 years, if Nicholas, Robert, and Barnaby, his sons, should so long live, that the said Nicholas, the son, being convicted and attainted of the murder of his late Majesty, all the lands were forfeited to his Majesty, that by an indenture of 18 Jan., 1661 [-2], the said lands were let by Lord Berkeley and others, the trustees of his Royal Highness, that Barnaby, Robert and Edward, sons of the said Dr. Love, colluded, that a citation was taken out of the ecclesiastical Court of Winton in the name of the said Barnaby calling the said Robert

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and Edward to appear in that court, where sentence being passed against the petitioners in their absence, they appealed to the Court of Arches, where a definitive sentence was given in their behalf 9 May, 1673, that the said Barnaby pretending he was wronged by that judgment last June obtained a Commission of Appeal to Sir Timothy Baldwin and others, that the petitioners made it appear that Dr. Love's will, having stood proved for near 40 years, after the probate was made 30 Sept., 1630, ought not now to be called in question, and that the judgment in the Court of Arches in July 1673, for the dismissal of the petitioners was just and right, that notwithstanding Sir Timothy and the rest, Dr. Exton and Dr. Trumbull, two of the Judges Delegate, dissenting, reversed the said judgment of the Court of Arches, and therefore desired a Commission of Review. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 28.*]

June 10. Licence to the High Sheriff of Gloucestershire, who has been
Whitehall. very sick, to come to London to consult physicians. [*Precedents 1, f. 78.*]

June 10. Proclamation by the Lord Lieutenant and Council. After reciting
The Council Chamber. that divers disloyal persons, commonly called Tories, have of late very
Dublin. much infested several counties and have committed divers robberies, burglaries and murders whereunto they have been encouraged by protections of late having been too frequently granted to some of them by persons having or pretending authority from the Lord Lieutenant, and also because the persons who have harboured the said Tories have not been so strictly inquired after, prosecuted and punished as they ought to have been, declaring that no person shall after the 24th instant grant any protections to any robbers or Tories, and that any protections granted to them after that date shall be of no force, with a proviso that any protections duly granted before that date shall continue in force for the period they were granted for, and that, if any persons so protected shall in respect of any services done by them expect to have their protections continued or to be pardoned, they are to make timely applications to the Lord Lieutenant, and strictly requiring the sheriffs of the counties, wherein any such Tories are or shall be, to raise the power of their respective counties, as there shall be occasion, for apprehending and bringing to justice all such robbers and Tories, the justices to assist the sheriffs therein, and to cause examinations to be forthwith taken concerning such murders, robberies and stealths, in their respective counties, that the persons who shall appear guilty thereof may be indicted and outlawed if they do not render themselves, and also to enquire strictly after all relievers or harbourers of such robbers or Tories or such as shall refuse to assist in following or apprehending them, and to cause such persons to be bound over to the next assizes to be prosecuted. [3 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 309, p. 411.*]

June 11. Richard Potts to Williamson. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Stockton. Car. II. 371, No. 71.*]

June 11. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 72.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 72 L.*]

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June 12. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Since my last no packet-boat has
Harwich. arrived. Wind N.W. and weather very calm. I humbly desire
your commands concerning the account I have kept of the packet-
boats, and of the soldiers brought over in them, who have deserted
foreign service. Both these I have kept as well as I could, and
thought not fit to send them you or discontinue them without order.
[*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 371, No. 73.]
- June 12. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 74.]
Weymouth.
- June 12. . Approbation by the King of John, Lord Coleraine, Sir Robert
Howard, Sir Richard Grubham How, Sir George Grubham How,
Sir Walter Ernley, Sir Seymour Pyle, Sir James Long, Sir
Edward Hungerford, K.B., Sir Henry Coker, Sir John Ernley,
Sir Thomas Mompesson, Richard Lewis of Edington, Thomas
Thynne, Alexander Thistlethwayte, George Bond, William Duckett,
and Joseph Stockman to be deputy lieutenants of Wiltshire. [*S.P.*
Dom., *Entry Book* 44, p. 14.]
- June 12. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Edmund
Whitehall. Wyndham, Knight Marshal, praying a privy seal for payment to
him of 416*l.* in lieu of lodgings out of Court, since the time he was
Knight Marshal, being 8 years, and that for the future he may
either have lodgings assigned him or 52*l.* *per annum* continued to
him for the same. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 29.]
- June 12. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Richard
Whitehall. Champion, keeper of his Majesty's privy lodgings, praying a further
allowance for his messuage in East Greenwich, called the Rose and
Crown tavern, conveyed to his Majesty and lying near his palace
there, whereby he was 300*l.* loser. [*Ibid.* p. 30.]
- June 12. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Thomas Duppa,
Whitehall. Gentleman Usher, praying that he may be paid a debt of 305*l.*,
transferred to him by Sir John Ayton out of the Treasurer of the
Chamber's office for divers services done, out of the arrears of the
tenths of the diocese of London. [*Ibid.*]
- June 12. On the petition of Edward Halsall, one of his Majesty's querries
Whitehall. in ordinary, praying a gift of what money he can recover of the
sutlers provided for the regiments of Blackheath, to every three of
whom 120*l.* was advanced by his Majesty to be repaid to his Majesty
by bond, his Majesty, being disposed to gratify the petitioner, refers
and recommends it to the Lord Treasurer to report what his Majesty
may fitly do in it for the petitioner's gratification. [*Ibid.*]
- June 12. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of the Justices
Whitehall. of Northamptonshire at their last Epiphany Sessions, praying a
grant of the site of the Castle of Northampton, consisting of 8 acres,
and of the stones and materials towards building a new house for
the sessions. [*Ibid.* p. 31.]
- June 12. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Having so often
Whitehall. and so clearly declared our pleasure to you concerning the disorders
that appeared in that our kingdom these 12 months past, and

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finding that by your diligence before the last vacance that factious humour was in some measure quieted, we hoped we should not have been so soon troubled with such offences. Yet now we are informed that more effects of that seditious spirit break out afresh, and particularly that a party of our forces has been deforced by a riotous and tumultuous assembly near the house of Cardross, where one King was rescued from our soldiers, whom Lord Cardross so highly owned before as his domestic servant. We specially recommended the trial of the former disorder concerning that King, and, if that matter had been thoroughly examined and duly punished, it is probable we should not have met with such an insolence in that place again.

We are also informed that in other places, especially in Teviotdale and East Lothian, many numerous and disorderly communions have been kept by indulged ministers, and that in Ayr there has been lately a meeting of indulged and outed ministers, who have issued orders for keeping fasts and other illegal injunctions, as if they had been a judicature.

Therefore we require you to examine thoroughly those and all other disorders of this kind. We doubt not you will find out those who encourage such practices, and, that you may more solemnly apply fitting remedies, it is our pleasure that you particularly summon all those of the Privy Council who are within fourscore miles of Edinburgh, to attend by a short day, there to remain during this session, and we require you to give us particular information who does not come and whom you shall find negligent or remiss in our service after they come, that we may apply suitable remedies, for we will not endure remissness in what so much concerns the reputation of our government. In the meantime you are to go on vigorously and to give us frequent accounts. You shall also enquire after the spreaders of false news, by which such disorders are encouraged and our authority disparaged. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 253.*]

June 12.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of Ireland to Robert Reading, and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to the issue male of his daughter, Elizabeth Reading, with a discharge to him of all services and payments to be performed or made on account of the said dignity being conferred on him. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 820.*]

June 13.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of the mails and packet-boats. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 75.*]

June 13.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Earl of Arlington, Lord Chamberlain, for swearing Mary, the wife of William Young, into the place of Seamstress and Laundress to the King, in reversion after — Chiffinch, who now enjoys the same. [*Precedents 1, f. 80.*]

June 14.
Garnon Hall.

Hugh Morrell to Williamson. Having been informed by a gentleman lately come from London, that his Honour had given directions in several places there for summoning up several clothiers

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from the counties to attend his Majesty in reference to clothing and the regulating of English manufactures of all kinds, which now, wanting the same, are so false and deceitfully made that the nation and its manufactures are now in no esteem compared with what they have been, and wool is now fallen from its usual price, 12*d.* *per lb.* or more, to 4, 5 and 6*d.*, proposing the establishment of a Committee for Trade in London consisting of 31 of the ablest bred merchants of London, of each company one or two, but no Lords, being beneath their dignity and out of their element. To this committee all the corporations in England relating to clothing, or mines of tin, coals, iron, &c., or manufactures of old or new draperies might weekly or monthly make their addresses for directions or instructions or represent rules for government, to be confirmed by his Majesty and the Privy Council relating to the true making of English manufactures, which this committee is to consult on and then report to his Majesty and the Privy Council with their grounds for his Majesty's confirmation, so that this committee would be properly his Majesty's subordinate council for all the counties to prepare and perfect their addresses for his Majesty and the Council, to free them from the laborious and intricate mysteries of clothing and commerce, and hinder the clothiers spending their time and money by often coming up to London. Were this committee established, several things of intricate nature of trade, commerce, sea affairs and the like might be referred to them, as his Majesty's father and the Privy Council did to the committee the writer (who is now 82) procured. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 76.]

June 14. T. Aslaby to Williamson. 34 light colliers are now loosing out of
Bridlington. this bay with a fair wind, being S.E. The master of a vessel from Norway informs us, that, when he came from thence, it was reported that war was proclaimed betwixt Sweden and Denmark. Yesterday here was a great meeting of Quakers, and other Nonconformists have their constant meetings as formerly. [*Ibid.* No. 77.]

June 14. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. The *Hope* of this port came
Weymouth. in, which left St. Malo last Wednesday. The master and passengers report that three days before their coming away the difference at Rennes was not composed. A merchant, a passenger, reports that 13 of the officers for collecting the new duty on tobacco had been burnt by the townsmen of Rennes, but on speaking with the master and others I cannot find any truth in this report. Other shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 78.]

June 14. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Wind N.
Pendennis. [*Ibid.* No. 79.]

June 14. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester.
Recommending Richard Stanesby for the office of bailiff of Martin Hill fair near Winchester, with the profits of the same, at the yearly rent of 10*l.*, as held by his late father, Richard Stanesby, and by his late brother, James Stanesby. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 70.]

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June 14. Secretary Coventry to the Attorney-General. Signifying his
Whitehall. Majesty's pleasure that he prepare a proclamation according to the
enclosed heads to be ready for his consideration next Council day.
[*Precedents 1, f. 80.*] *Enclosed,*
The said heads, being those of the proclamation calendared post,
p. 168 [Ibid.]
- [June?] Thomas Neale to the King. Petition for a patent for 14 years
for his invention of a pump serviceable for draining mines and
other uses of that nature, which forces and draws water with one
and the same stroke. *At the foot,*
June 15. *Reference thereof to the Attorney-General, and his report in*
Whitehall. *farour of the petitioner's request. 22 June. [S.P. Dom.,*
Car. II. 371, No. 80.] Annexed,
Diagram of the pump in question. [Ibid. No. 80 r.]
- Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46,*
p. 31.]
- [June?] Henry Jermyn to the King. Petition for a grant of a certain
old way from Cheveley to Newmarket, that he may enclose the
same, he laying out a new way on his own ground and at his own
charges in the manner directed by the inquisition therein men-
tioned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 81.*]
- June 15. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Towards evening last Sunday one
Harwich. of our packet-boats arrived with very little news. I saw in a
letter from Holland, that the French forces began to retreat, but it
was believed to be only a French trick, as the writer words it.
There was also a confirmation that the States had declared war
against the Swedes. The wind has been these three days and still
is northerly. [*Ibid. No. 82.*]
- June 15. A. Goodyear to Williamson. The *Bristol*, Sir John Berry com-
Plymouth. mander, departed hence for Newfoundland this afternoon. I
enclose the list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 83.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 83 r.]
- June 15. Order by the Duke of Monmouth that, whereas there has been an
Whitehall. ancient order in the garrison of Hull against listing or entertaining
any soldier in any of the companies known to be married, which of
late has not been observed as it ought by reason of the removal of
companies from and to the said garrison, and whereas there are two
companies, the Governor's and the Deputy Governor's, constantly
residing in the said garrison, which are not subject to be removed
as the others are, the respective officers of the said companies do
not in future list or entertain any man as a soldier that shall be
married, and, if any soldier of the said companies marry after being
listed, he shall for that reason forthwith be disbanded, but this does
not include the soldiers already married before the date of this order,
who are hereby dispensed with to continue in the said companies,
provided they otherwise do their duties. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book*
41, p. 40.]

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June 15. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of several
Whitehall. gentlemen and citizens using the exercise of Archery about the City of London and the suburbs, about certain fields, wherein they always had right to shoot, enclosed by sundry persons, and praying a commission under the Great Seal for the enquiring and reforming thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 81.*]
- June 15. Warrants for the naturalization of the *Greenland Adventure* and
Whitehall. the *Hope*, flyboats of about 300 tons burden bought by the Greenland merchants of Hull and furnished out for that voyage. Minutes. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 65.*]
- June 15. Licence to Henry Jermyn to stop up for the enlargement of his
Whitehall. park at Cheveley, Cambridgeshire, part of a road from Cheveley to Newmarket from the south-east corner of the said park to another corner thereof called Warriner's Corner, he making at his own charges and in his own ground a substituted way. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 66.*]
- June 15. Warrant for a letter constituting Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie,
Whitehall. one of the Senators of the College of Justice, Justice Clerk in place of Sir William Lockhart of Lee, deceased. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 255.*]
- June 15. Warrant for a letter granting to the said Sir Thomas Wallace a
Whitehall. yearly pension of 400*l.* sterling during his continuance in office. [*Ibid. p. 257.*]
- June 15. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Exchequer
Whitehall. in Scotland. Being very sensible of the fidelity and integrity of Sir Adam Blair, lately one of the receivers of the revenue in Scotland, and particularly of his readiness to improve his own private credit for bringing money into our Exchequer when we were in Scotland, when our own revenues came in but very slowly, and being thereby obliged to take care that his zeal for us in such a troublesome time may not prejudice him in his private fortune, we hereby authorize and require you to cause those formerly commisionate for auditing such accounts to proceed with all possible diligence to audit the said Sir Adam's accounts, charge and discharge, and to state the balance thereof without any delay on pretence that Sir William Lockhart of Carstaires, whose father was one of the receivers of the said revenues, has not made his accounts, and if, on stating the said Sir Adam's accounts, it shall be found he is super-expended, we hereby authorize and require you to take a speedy and effectual course for his repayment. [*Ibid. p. 258.*]
- June Henry Sandys to Williamson. At your last return from Holland
[before the you expressed a kindness to me for my father's sake. Now, being
16th.] in necessity and wanting bread, I beg your kind assistance, begging you to let the King know my condition is so bad that without his gracious favour I must finish in a gaol. I once had an employment, a colour in the regiment of Foot Guards, which I served in almost seven years after two engagements at sea. Then I had the honour to dance at Court, which expense was so great that, having Col. Russell's ill-will, I was forced to sell my command to pay my

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debts, which I had never run into but for dancing at Court. When I sold my employment, I resolved to go with Sir Jonathan Atkins to Barbados, but I was otherwise advised by them who now slight me most, and, since there is not any hope of my father's return, I beg his Majesty will not let me starve, who am now very near it. Had I behaved to the disgrace of the employment I served in or the disparagement of my family, I had deserved it, but, since I have done neither, I fling myself at your feet to implore his Majesty's favour and sudden relief. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 84.*]

June 16. Henry Sandys to Williamson. My friend gave me an account of the letter I sent you, which I beg you will pardon me for. My condition is so bad that, unless I have your good counsel and assistance, I must not expect any thing. Some, that pretend to be my friends, leave me in the utmost extremity. The Duke of Monmouth has been several times acquainted with my condition, who promised to do something for me. I beg you will remind him of my condition, who does not think it so bad as it is, and, if it be best, as in my apprehension it is, I beg you to desire him to send me to the French army. My father, I hope, will return you thanks. I will send my friend to wait on you when you command. [*Ibid. No. 85.*]

June 16. Edward Hornsby to Williamson. About a month ago I wrote
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Anceholme. you two lines concerning my son, which, I hope, you received. I had some notice that you would have him to some trade, and what you do with him I shall humbly condescend to, for I have a great many more children, and we have very hard times, and what I am able to do for my son shall not be undone, but I hope you will take it into consideration and do something for me and my child, and I hope what you do for us the Lord will repay you, for we are never able to do it for what you have done already. I would have written to you when my son came up, but there were some that hindered me. [*Ibid. No. 86.*]

June 16. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. There is a strong report,
Weymouth. which is probably true, that Col. Bingham, the high sheriff of our county is dead. Mr. Audley Grey, that stood on the prick with him is also dead. The third person is one Sydenham. Mr. John Mitchell of Kingston, Col. Bingham's son-in-law, is a fit person to serve out the year, if his Majesty please. [*Ibid. No. 87.*]

June 16. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.*
Truro. *No. 88.*]

June 16. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 13th came in to Helford
Falmouth. the *Content* of Falmouth with salt from St. Martin's, which says that two days after they came out they met a Biscay caper of 10 guns, which very much abused the master and men by putting burning matches betwixt their fingers and gave the master several hundred blows, although they had their sea-brief with them, to make them confess they belonged to the French, and took from them what small things they had on board, and all their clothes

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and some of the ship's provision. This base usage makes our small vessels afraid to go to sea. The 14th six great ships passed Eastward before this harbour, wind N.W., which, it is supposed, may be East India or Straits ships. The proroguing the Parliament, and no public Acts passing give cause of various talking here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 89.]

June 16. Privy Seal for payment of 300*l.* to Richard Bulstrode for his equipage in going to the campaign. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 195.]

June 16. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, praying the remission of an arrear of 1,159*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* of the last 18 months' assessment in addition to the 800*l.* *per* month remitted in the last Lord Treasurer's time, in regard of many houses therein uninhabited and tofts of ground unbuilt &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, *p.* 32.]

June 16. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Edward Christian praying payment of 200*l.*, part of an arrear due from his Majesty to John Crofts, who was indebted to the petitioner's father-in-law. [*Ibid.*]

June 16. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Lewis Morgan, son of John Morgan, late one of the Yeomen of the Guard, deceased, praying such an estate as shall please his Majesty in the three little outhouses at Royston that belonged to Royston House, now in the possession of Edward Sutton, Philip Bright, and Elizabeth Sallaway, which are of the yearly value of 10 or 12*l.* [*Ibid.* *p.* 33.]

June 16. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Richard Browne, clerk of the Privy Council, about his arrears as Resident from his late and present Majesty at Paris from 1641. [*Ibid.*]

June 16. The King to the Bishop of Salisbury. Recommending Joseph Barker, M.A., domestic chaplain to the Speaker, for the next vacant prebend in that church. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 47, *p.* 7.]

June 16. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Wells. Recommending Joseph Barker, named in the last entry, for the next vacant place of residentiary in that church, in which he already holds a prebend. [*Ibid.* *p.* 8.]

Drafts of the last two documents in Williamson's hand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, Nos. 90, 91.]

June 16. Presentation of Dr. Timothy Halton to the Archdeaconry of Oxford, void by the promotion of Dr. Barlow to the Bishopric of Lincoln, and in the King's gift *pro hac vice*. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 47, *p.* 8.]

June 16. Secretary Coventry to — House, Mayor of Reading. His Majesty, being informed by Sir William Armorer, J.P. for Berkshire, that you pretend to have an order or warrant for remitting fines imposed at the assizes on persons offending against the Act against

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Conventicles attested under my hand, has commanded me to require you forthwith to send me an authentic copy of such order or warrant as you pretend to have. [*Precedents* 1, f. 81.]
- June 17.
Whitehall. Proclamation forbidding subjects to give assistance to any of the King of Spain's subjects now in rebellion against him. Complaint having been made to us by Don Pedro Ronquillo, envoy extraordinary from the said King that several merchants and other subjects have carried provisions and given assistance to those of Messina, now in rebellion against the said King, contrary to the treaty of 1667 between us and the said King, we expressly command all our subjects to forbear giving any assistance to those of Messina or any other of the said King's subjects in rebellion against him. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Proclamations* 3, p. 336.]
- June 17.
Whitehall. The Duke of Lauderdale to the President of the Session. Informing them that his Majesty desires them to dispense with the absence of Sir John Lockhart, one of the Senators, during the session, as he is obliged to go to London and perhaps to Paris to look after the concerns of his brother, the ambassador, who is lately deceased. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 259.]
- June 18. Certificate by Sir George Waterman that Augustin Hanson on that day took before him the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 92.]
- June 18. The Earl of Bridgwater to Williamson. Requesting that he might receive his Majesty's licence for making Sir Thomas Mainwaring and Nathaniel Booth deputy lieutenants for Cheshire dispatched in due form. [*Ibid.* No. 93.]
- June 18.
Stockton. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 94.]
- June 18.
Plymouth. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 95.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 95 r.]
- June 18.
Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Sir Edward Carteret, first gentleman usher daily waiter, of the estate of Jonathan Frost, forfeited by his conviction for clipping and coining. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, f. 195.]
- June 18.
Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to Sir Francis Chaplin. In favour of Simon Seaman, son to his Majesty's interpreter of the Turkish and Eastern languages, whose suit is to be Clerk to our Company. Though as a poor member of it I could not allow him to ask for his Majesty's letter, I most willingly grant him mine, and beg you to second my request to the rest of our brethren Clothworkers. I beg you to speak to my brother Robinson, Gauden, Sir W. Peake, my brother Burkin, Beckford, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 42.]
- June 18.
Whitehall. Approbation by the King of Sir Thomas Mainwaring and Nathaniel Booth to be deputy lieutenants of Cheshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 44, p. 14.]

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June 18. The King to the Sub-Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford. As he understands the wardenship of the College is void by the death of Dr. Woodward, and that they are now choosing a successor, leaving them entirely free in the election, and declaring that certain letters granted some years in favour of Richard Rowlandson, M.A., one of the Fellows, containing the King's recommendation of him in general for such suitable preferment from the College as his loyalty and good affection to the King and the Church might entitle him to, are not to be applied to this case or used for influencing the present election. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 9.*]
- Draft thereof in Williamson's hand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 96.*]
- June 18. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant after reciting a
Whitehall. reference to the Committee for Irish Affairs of the petition of Edmond Nugent and their report, which was that his father, Col. Robert Nugent, faithfully served in the late wars of Ireland under the Duke of Ormonde, till that kingdom was overrun by the usurper, under whom he suffered great affliction and imprisonment for his loyalty, and was divested of his ancient estate and forced into Connaught, where he was constrained to take lands, that a considerable part of the said lands has been restored to several persons by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation and no reprisal set out to the petitioner for the same, that the petitioner was postponed from a hearing of his innocency for this sole account, though then a minor, that the said Col. Robert Nugent was to have been restored to all his estate by the Act of Settlement, but never received any benefit thereof, and that the lands therein described in the barony of Burren, Clare, and in the barony of Gallen, Mayo, are all that remain to the petitioner of the said transplanted lands in Connaught, and that the lands therein described in the half barony of Fore, Westmeath, were part of the said Robert Nugent's ancient estate, to which he was to have been restored by the Act of Settlement, and are now in the petitioner's possession, or are undisposed of by the Commissioners of the late Court of Claims, and that the said report had been approved in Council, authorizing and requiring him to cause a grant to be passed to the said Edmond Nugent and his heirs of all the King's right, title and interest in the lands particularly mentioned in the said report, under the services and quit-rents reserved thereon by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 818.*]
- June 18. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for swearing and
Whitehall. admitting Sir William Gore to be a Privy Councillor in Ireland. [*Ibid. p. 320.*]
- June 19. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant to James,
Whitehall. Earl of Northampton, of the office of Constable of the Tower to be held during pleasure. *Sign manual. Countersigned*, "J. Williamson." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 97.*]
- Draft thereof. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]
- Minute thereof. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 67.*]

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Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 17th arrived the *Windsor* from St. Malo and Guernsey, and the *Prosperous* from Morlaix. The masters of both say there are great insurrections and risings in several other places in that province as well as at Rennes, standing out against the late edicts imposing a great duty on tobacco and many other things. The Duc de Chaulnes, going amongst them with his Lieut.-Governor to appease them, has received a slight hurt in his face, and the other mortally wounded. The Marquis Guabryau with some others and some English merchants went from Morlaix to Brest, where the Duke now is, to visit him upon it. This vessel about mid Channel fell in with a fleet of about 12 Dutch men-of-war making westward, but they would give no information, but ordered them to get out of their fleet. The great trading place of St. Malo and Morlaix is now but little commerce, and our ships, which so frequently visit them, now have but little encouragement to go there. The islands of Guernsey and Jersey are well. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 99.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that the report of the Committee for Irish Affairs on the petition of the Trustees for managing the security of the '49 officers had been approved in Council the 16th instant, for observing the instructions following in the future management of that interest:—First, he is to cause the grant intended to Col. Cary Dillon in pursuance of the letters of 21 Sept., 1673, and 2 March, 1674, and 8 June, 1674, to be stopped for the many inconveniencies that appear in the same; next, he is to take care, that in the distribution of what is or shall be discovered to appertain to that security, no '49 officer have any more than the 4s. 1d. in the pound already received, till those that are deficient receive as much; next, that whoever is deficient of the said 4s. 1d. in the pound, and shall discover wherewith he may be satisfied to that proportion, his discovery to be applied thereunto, but all persons concerned to have equal liberty of discovery in all places and at all times; and lastly, that whatever surplus remains, after any discoverer is so satisfied, is to go into the common stock in order to a general distribution. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 321.*]

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Clutton.

William Harris to Edmund Naden at the Red Lion in Holborn. I have received your letter, and none of us can make a discovery of any man in that case, unless we must do them wrong, and also concerning ourselves we are nothing guilty, but there is a sort of idle persons that, if a man will not please them with what they would have, either money or victuals, will swear anything for 5s., and will invent anything that they know will hold to ruin any honest man, for they can hurt no one in any other case, because they are people of no credit, but, if they should swear as they have not, the country knowing their condition, we hope it will take no effect, for the God of heaven knows it is wrong if they do. This is to desire you, if it may be done on the terms you writ, to dispatch it, otherwise to repair home with all speed. You have writ thrice as to a discovery and, if you write a hundred times, it is all one,

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- June 20. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure
Dover. of packet-boats and mails. Last night went to sea a packet-boat for Nieuport with the mail and some few passengers, among them Lord Castlehaven. [*Ibid. No. 101.*]
- June 20. Secretary Coventry to the Attorney-General. This petition being
Whitehall. presented this afternoon to his Majesty, he has commanded me to send it you to consider what lawful way the Lord Mayor may be redeemed from this affair, and that you wait on his Majesty in person to-morrow morning to deliver your opinion. With note that the petition was from the Lord Mayor praying his Majesty to interpose his authority to keep him from appearing at the King's Bench Bar, he being very ill and the honour of the City concerned. [*Precedents 1, f. 81.*]
- June 20. Robert Leigh to [Williamson.] Recommending the bearer, Mr.
Dublin. St. George, King at Arms for Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 167.*]
- [June?] Goodwin Wharton to the King. Petition praying for patents for 14 years for his new inventions for buoying up ships sunk in the sea, and for landing goods from or for putting them on board ships. *At one side,*
Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor-General. At the other side,
Report by Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, in favour of granting the prayer of the petition. 3 July. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 102.]
- [June?] Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 33.*]
- June 21. Margaret Williamson to her brother[-in-law] Williamson. By a
Bridkirk. letter from cousin Williamson I perceive you order to be paid to Dean Smith the moneys due from the quarry and the 100*l.* legacy left you by my dear husband. I have already paid Mr. Dean what is received about the quarry, and should willingly obey your commands to pay in the 100*l.*, if my abilities were answerable to my desires. I confess it's your undoubted right, and the effect of your great kindness to forbear me so long. But I have met with many troubles and disappointments in the manage of that concern, which I could not have grappled with but by the unwearied advice and assistance of some very kind friends. They can sufficiently witness that many considerable debts due to my husband have proved desperate by the insolvency of debtors or insufficiency of evidence to prove them, and what he was owing is much advanced beyond what I expected, not only as to his accounts in the Exchequer, but in the county also, several claiming considerable sums whom I concluded debtors to him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 103.*]

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June 21. Dr. Gregory Hascard to Williamson. I have received the Lord Windsor. Chamberlain's letter to wait for the Dean of Carlisle this next month. I am fully assured this kindness comes from you, and shall the more industriously fit myself for this attendance that I may not forfeit that character you bestow on me. Dr. Child presents his most humble service and has sent to my house an harpsichord against your coming. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 104.]
- June 21. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Near 200 light colliers are now at Bridlington. anchor in the bay expecting a fair wind, it being much northerly. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]
- June 21. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last Friday came in a small Pendennis. vessel from Brest, who tells us, that there are in Brittany often insurrections among them, opposing and wounding the Commissioners for Excise and other impositions. He says likewise, 7 or 8 Algier men-of-war are in the Channel, and that an Ostender of 16 guns had much to do to escape them. There are a few small vessels in the harbour and the great Dutch vessel that has been here this six months continues here still, expecting a convoy. Wind northerly. [*Ibid.* No. 106.]
- June 21. Warrant for a pardon to William Maskill of York, goldsmith, Whitehall. for clipping and coining, he having acknowledged his crime, discovered several confederates and given security to prosecute them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 137.]
- June 21. *Caveat* entered at the Signet Office at the desire of the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Trinity House that no grant pass for the incorporating of Lightermen and Ballastmen till notice be given to Mr. Secretary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, p. 11.]
- [June?] Request that the above *caveat* may be entered. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 107.]
- [June?] John Sumpter, prisoner in the gaol for Berkshire, to the King. Petition, stating that he was convicted at the last summer assizes for highway robbery, but reprieved, and, it being his first offence, praying that he may be allowed to serve on any of his Majesty's frigates, as he faithfully did in the late Dutch wars. *At the side,* Reference thereof to the Judge of Assize that sat on the petitioner. [*Ibid.* No. 108.] *Annexed,*
Report by Sir Edward Thurland that Sumpter was convicted for the highway robbery of Andrew Platt and taking from him 4l. in money, and had judgment, but, it being alleged it was his first offence, and he being able bodied to serve in the plantations beyond the seas and desirous to do so, the judge reprieved him, and his Majesty commanded a respite till his further pleasure be known, and submitting to his Majesty's consideration whether he be an object for a free pardon or for one with the usual clause of transportation. 2 Nov., 1675. [Ibid. No. 1081.]
- June 22. Silas Taylor to Williamson. About 11 last Saturday night one of Harwich. our packet-boats arrived. The master and passengers report that Limburg was taken by the French, and that the Prince of Orange having joined the Duke of Lorraine's and the Lünenberg forces, was

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pressing on to engage the French, which they declined. This was the general discourse in Holland, when they came thence last Thursday. The wind is northerly. The packet-boat which should have left the Brill last Saturday is not yet arrived here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 109.]

June 22.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. To-day his Majesty's new ship, the *Harwich*, arrived in the Downs. The report here is that his Majesty will honour our parts with his royal person this week. [*Ibid.* No. 110.]

June 22.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. No ships have arrived since I sent the last list. [*Ibid.* No. 111.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir T. Chicheley. "Whereas, in order to the finding out of the longitudes of places for perfecting navigation and astronomy, we have resolved to build a small observatory within our park at Greenwich upon the highest ground at or near the place where the Castle stood, with lodging rooms for our astronomical observator and assistant, our will and pleasure is that according to such plot and design as shall be given you by . . . Sir Christopher Wren . . . of the place and site of the said observatory, you cause the same to be fenced in, built and finished with all convenient speed," the materials and workmen to be paid for by the Treasurer of the Ordnance out of the moneys coming to his hands for old and decayed powder sold by the order of 1 Jan. last, provided that the whole sum to be expended shall not exceed 500*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 15.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Ellen, Lady Kinsale, mother and administratrix of Patrick, Lord Courcy, Baron of Kinsale, deceased, praying an order for payment to her of 337*l.* (on a pension of 150*l.*, paid to his ancestors by his Majesty's progenitors, from his predecessor's death, but by reason of the said Patrick's patent two years and three months after his father's death not paid him during that time) out of the Irish revenue, after the end of Lord Ranelagh's undertaking at Christmas, 1675. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 34.*]

June 22.

Warrant to the Lord Keeper for a bill constituting Edward Grey, Sir William Roberts, Sir Thomas Daniell, Edward Progers, George Weld, Richard Kirby, Edmund Warcupp, Philip Bulstrode, Cornwall Bradshaw, John Harris, Samuel Maidwell, Francis Weaver, and Philip Burton, Commissioners for licensing Hackney Coaches. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 67.*]

Two drafts thereof, in one of which Henry Killegrew is substituted for Weld. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, Nos. 112, 113.]

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Note that Mr. Killegrew desires that Sir W. Roberts, E. Warcupp, Cornwell Bradshaw, and John Harris may be put in the room of Ambrose Scudamore, Emery Hill, Anthony Gawdy, Edward Brooke, Edward Woodward, John Hoskins, Symond Smith, and Henry Peck, or in the room of which four of them Mr. Secretary pleases, so as the number do not exceed 21. [*Ibid.* No. 114.]

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Lists of the persons to be left out being those mentioned in the last entry with the addition of George Weld ; of those that were to supply the defects of the old commission and make the number 21, viz., Edward Grey, Sir Reginald Forster, Sir Richard Mauleverer, Sir Thomas Daniell, Sir William Bowles, Sir Thomas Gery, Sir John Kirke, Edward Progers, William Erskin, John Mitton, Henry Progers, and Richard Kirby ; and of the persons in the warrant Mr. Killegrew gave Mr. Secretary, being those in the last entry but two with the omission of Weld and the addition of Henry Killegrew and Henry Progers. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 115.]

June 22.

Passes for six and for three soldiers belonging to the Army in Ireland to go to Waterford and to Dublin respectively. [Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 67.]

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John Combes, mercer, of London, to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioner was robbed last February of goods to the value of about 80*l.*, that John Ashmore and Richard Short were condemned at the last gaol delivery of Newgate, and have confessed themselves instruments of the fact, and that they sold the goods to Anne Ivery and John Collyer, brokers, for 3*l.* 10*s.*, against whom the petitioner can have no remedy at law, unless by the evidence of the said Ashmore and Short, and therefore praying that they may be inserted in the next free pardon for poor convicts in Newgate. At the foot,

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Whitehall.

Reference thereof to the Recorder of London. On the back, His report, that Combes was robbed of the said goods and that Ashmore and Short were convicted as accessories or otherwise to be transported, who remaining in prison made some discovery to the petitioner that the goods were disposed of by them to brokers, against whom the petitioner can have no remedy at law except by their testimony, which cannot be allowed of without a pardon, and, if they be pardoned in order to transportation, and afterwards be transported before the petitioner can have a trial against the brokers, he will be without any remedy, and therefore he humbly conceives it fit, that Ashmore and Short be put in the pardon for transportation, but be kept in prison till a trial can be had against the brokers, that use may be made of their testimony at the trial, and that, if they shall make an effectual proof to convict the brokers, they may then be put into the next pardon for convicts in Newgate without transportation, because he is jealous that these delinquents may possibly delude the petitioner on pretence of their discovery, and, having obtained a free pardon, afterwards will be left to their liberty to make good the accusation against the brokers, or may perhaps be bribed by them to the contrary. 26 June. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 116.]

Another copy of the above reference. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 34.]

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Christian and Elizabeth Hayes, daughters of Col. Patrick Hayes, to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioners had been hindered from obtaining the benefit of the order in Council of 19 Dec., 1673,

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(calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1673-1675, p. 63), concerning the debt due to them by the Senate of Hamburg, by reason of Secretary Coventry's being changed from the Northern Province, also by Sir W. Swan, the Resident at Hamburg, having been long in England, and having but lately gone thither; that they, having since his departure applied to Secretary Williamson for him to execute the said order, he showed them a copy of the King's letter of $\frac{1}{10}$ July, 1661 (calendared *ubi supra*), which was obtained by Vincent Garmers, Syndic to the said Senate, who is very nearly related to the person who first detained the petitioners' estate, one clause whereof relates to the petitioners, which letter, they apprehend, was obtained by surprise upon his Majesty, he having since very often heard their case and ordered it to be examined, to all which references the Hamburg Resident was summoned, and the said letter was never objected against the petitioners, and praying that his Majesty would grant them letters of reprisals, or would direct Secretary Williamson to write effectually, whereby the petitioners after so long a time may be satisfied their debt of 46,000 *rix dollars*, and their interest, costs, and damages. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 371, *No.* 117.]

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Whitehall.

Order in Council on the above petition that a copy thereof be sent to Secretary Williamson, who is to instruct Sir W. Swan to make interest for the petitioners' satisfaction with the Senate of Hamburg. [*Ibid.* *No.* 118.]

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George Porter to the King. Petition for a lease for 40 years of the herbage and pannage of Merscough Park in the county and Duchy of Lancaster, with the lodge and cow pasture and moss thereto adjoining with the right of turbary therein mentioned, in reversion on the expiration of a lease made by the late King to Elizabeth Howard, a maid of honour to the late Queen, by virtue whereof Edward Tildsley is in occupation of the premises, upon the same rents and services as are contained in the existing lease. *At the side,*

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Reference thereof to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
[*Ibid.* *No.* 119.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 35.]

June 23.
Whitehall.

Order in Council after reciting the order of 9 June, which directed Secretary Williamson to make instance in behalf of Richard Wescombe and others (calendared *ante*, p. 157), that, upon what had been that day said touching the Treaty of Breda and the ratification thereof, the said order be superseded. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 371, *No.* 120.]

June 23.
Garnon Hall,
near Epping
Forest.

Hugh Morrell to the King. Consideration of his gracious speech to the Parliament at their adjournment till October next, wherein he has given them free liberty to petition him for redress, brings or rather enforces him, now in his old age past 82, humbly in this manner to make his addresses to his Sacred Majesty. He is enforced to make use of a near relation to present his petition

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to his Majesty and the Honourable Board relating to his property, which is known to his Grace of Canterbury, Lord Holles, Secretary Williamson and others, but to that date he has been so unhappy as not to procure it to be read at the Board in his Majesty's presence, which his Majesty's gracious speech encourages him that he will now obtain. *After the above date is added*, "but reserved by means of your Majesty's absence in your progress to this 9 Aug., and further retained to this 20 Sept." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 121.]

June 23. Col. John Russell to W. Bridgeman. Requesting him to prepare a commission for the bearer, Richard Pope, to be ensign to Capt. Richardson's company in the regiment of Foot Guards. [*Ibid.* No. 122.]

June 23. William Middleton to Williamson. I am confident your generous disposition will attribute my troubling you so frequently to my necessities occasioned by my former sufferings and my present long imprisonment, having now continued 18 months in durance. His Majesty has lately sent me word, that, if I can find out anything, I shall have his gracious favour. Now, Mr. White being dead, the Keeper's place of Ludgate is vacant, and the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council have the disposal thereof. The Clerk of the Peace told me that the Common Council will not allow such public offices to be sold, to avoid all occasion of oppression, and believes his Majesty's letter may easily prevail for it. I therefore humbly beseech you to take your opportunity to move his Majesty in my behalf. I am capable of the place, being a freeman, and I believe the chief in the House will incline to it. [*Ibid.* No. 123.]

June 23. Sir J. Williamson to Thomas Smith. Requesting his goodwill in
Whitehall. favour of Mr. Bo[w]les for the Fellowship lately void by the death of Mr. Reekes. He is particularly recommended by the Duke of Ormonde as the son of a very loyal family and related to several considerable persons in his country. "It is all our care to keep off *mandamuses* from the Universities, and that, we hope, may beget us some little interest in your kindness, when we find ourselves thus engaged to interpose our private recommendations." [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 43.*]

June 23. *Caveat* that no pardon pass for Henry Slaughter of Lancashire for the death of Peter Slaughter, till notice be given to Mrs. Anne Banister in Little Suffolk Street, at a varnisher's house. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 11.*]

June 23. Recommendation to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of the
Whitehall. Preachers in Lancashire, praying a pension of 200*l.* *per annum* and the arrears thereof formerly allowed to such preachers as should be appointed by the Bishop of Chester to officiate in an itinerant way in the many chapels, otherwise not sufficiently provided for, and of the certificate of the members, deputy lieutenants, and justices of the said county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 34.*]

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June 23. Privy seal for payment of 38,000*l.* without account to Baptista
Whitehall May, keeper of the Privy Purse, for the use of the same. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 68.*]
- June 23. Order in Council, that the affidavits of John and Thomas Le
Whitehall Hongues (Houques) sworn before the magistrates of Guernsey (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1673-1675, p. 336), be delivered to Secretary Williamson, who is to speak with the Dutch Ambassador thereupon in order to obtain satisfaction for the wrong they suffered from the Dutch caper. [*S.P. Channel Islands 9, No. 30.*]
- June 24. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The packet-boat we expected to
Harwich have come from the Brill last Saturday was, after coming out of the Maes, stopped by a caper, who, pretending a Brandenburg commission, plundered all the Dutch passengers and took from them about 60 *guilders*, but meddled not either with French or English. The master landed his mail and passengers somewhere about Margate last Monday, and arrived here Tuesday evening. The wind all yesterday was easterly, but to-day is more northerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 124.*]
- June 24. Warrant for a Privy Seal for a grant to Robert Williamson of
Westminster. Lincoln's Inn of the offices of one of the clerks of the Privy Seal and of clerk of the Council of the Court of Requests for his life, so soon as the same shall become void by the death or other determination of the interests of the four clerks in possession and three others in reversion or any four of them. [*Latin. On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II. Case F, No. 67.*]
- June. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 362.*]
- June 24. On the petition of Henry Brouncker desiring that a lease he has
Whitehall of a house &c. at Sheen may be renewed and made up to 99 years, recommendation to the Lord Treasurer to give order for passing such a grant as is desired. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 36.*]
- June 24. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Robert
Whitehall Thornhill, praying a warrant to Dr. Lloyd in such manner as was before to Sir Walter Walker about prosecuting for prizes &c. in the Court of Admiralty. [*Ibid.*]
- June 24. The King to Ralph Montagu, Master of the Great Wardrobe.
Westminster. Warrant for the delivery to the Bishop of Durham, Clerk of the Closet, of the following for the service of the King's Closet, viz., two palls of cloth of gold of two breadths apiece, and 5 yards apiece in length, lined with fustian and fringed with gold and silk, and sewed with silk for the Communion Tables, two long and one short cushions of the like cloth of gold for the King's own seat, fringed and tasselled with gold, and sewed with silk, one dozen of small cushions of crimson velvet, both sides alike, to kneel on, one traverse of crimson taffeta containing 10 breadths and 5 yards deep, with lyors of thread, ribbons of silk and copper rings to it and sewed with silk, one demy carpet and two small carpets of Turkey work for the King's own seat, 12 yards of green cloth to lay between

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three pair of fronts, every front containing two yards, 16 ells of fine diaper for 4 cloths for the Communion, 20 ells of fine Holland for 4 cloths more for the Communion Table, 13 ells of fine diaper for two Communion towels, four surplices of fine Holland gathered, one bare hide of ox leather, two standards bound with iron with locks and keys to them, two trussing coffers and one other coffer, two great and two lesser Bibles for the King's own use, bound accordingly, one dozen of service books, and two other service books bound accordingly, 2,000 hooks, a great fire shovel, a pair of tongs, one perfuming pan, two great hammers and two brushes. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 322.*]

June 24.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrants for swearing and admitting Murrough, Viscount Blessington, and Col. Randolph Clayton to be Privy Councillors in Ireland. [*Ibid. pp. 323, 326.*]

June 24.
Westminster.

The King to Ralph Montagu, Master of the Great Wardrobe. Warrant for the delivery to Thomas Haynes, serjeant of the vestry, for the use of the Chapel Royal, of the following, viz., 4 surplices of fine Holland cloth gathered in the collar, two for the Dean and two for the Sub-Dean, 64 surplices of fine Holland cloth for the gentlemen of the said Chapel, 12 for the musicians and 36 of the like fine Holland cloth for the children of the said Chapel, 20 ells of fine diaper for four cloths for the Communion Table, 9 ells of fine Holland for two cloths for the Communion Table in the body of the Chapel, 20 ells of the like Holland cloth for 6 towels for the Communion, 7 ells of broad canvas and 4 yards of green cloth, 3 Bibles of the great volume, 4 Communion books and 34 Psalter books, one Turkey demy carpet to lay before the Communion Table, and one other lesser Turkey carpet to lay on the Altar, one gross of points of silk for the copes, 3 standards, whereof one is for the song books of the said Chapel, being two sets more than formerly, 2 bare hides of ox leather, 3,000 tenter hooks, 3 hammers, one fire shovel, and one pair of tongs, three black jacks, 3 gispins, 2 brushes, one perfuming pan of iron, 6 hour glasses, and one pair of iron andirons. [*Ibid. p. 323.*]

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Several Spanish Merchants to the King. Petition for an order for hearing Sir M. Wescombe, consul at Cadiz, concerning the petition presented by them against him last November, with which Secretary Coventry was desired to acquaint him, he having now come over, and that the petitioners may be given notice thereof: (See last volume of the calendar, p. 429.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 125.*]

June 25.
The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I have been much indisposed these two days, yet yesterday and this afternoon was at Whitehall, but could not find you. I kissed his Majesty's hand, from whom I had a promise by the Lord Keeper that I should not suffer. After that I waited on the Attorney-General, who told me he had not spoken with his Majesty about me, nor could he do anything, till he had a warrant directed to him. I intend to ride abroad to-morrow morning, which, I hope, may do me much good as to my health, and shall attend the Lord Keeper and the Attorney-General, and shall

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submit to his Majesty's pleasure, be it what it will, with a sedate mind. Let me beg you to add to all your kindnesses, that, if his Majesty signs any warrant before his going away, you would remit me a copy of it. The Attorney-General has been so kind as to promise to do nothing till he give me notice of it. I shall acquaint you with his and the Lord Keeper's mind when I have it, and beg your advice. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 126.]

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James Hickes to Williamson. The colonel thinks that sending you down the labels is now rather trouble than any service, you having had them so long for inspection, by which he has been and is incapable of observing any defects, which daily he took notice of, if any, and by the following post wrote to the transgressors for redress, so he thinks it convenient to keep them, and ease you of that trouble, and use his own endeavours to keep affairs in as quick and current dispatch as he can. This he has signified to me to be made known to you, which, in his opinion, you will be pleased with; otherwise you will signify your further pleasure.

I hope you will honour Sir Gilbert Talbot and Robert Paton at dinner on Monday at Drapers' Hall with the society of the honest Archers, of which they are the present stewards. [*Ibid.* No. 127.]

June 25.
Newcastle.

Anthony Isaacson to Williamson. Last Monday was the election of knights at Durham for that bishopric, the writ being sent down before the prorogation. The competitors were three, Sir James Clavering, Col. John Tempest and Mr. Vane, son of the late Sir Henry. They came to the poll, which continued from Monday morning to Wednesday night, and then, contrary to the expectation of most of the gentry, it was Sir J. Clavering's (and that country's) misfortune to have the fewest votes.

The N.E. wind is still so predominant that few ships come in or out. [*Ibid.* No. 128.]

June 25.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Monday at Durham began the election for that county, which continued till 9 Wednesday night. Sir J. Clavering, Col. Tempest, and Squire Vane were voted for. The first had 735 votes, the second 1,034, and the last 854, whereon Sir Gilbert Gerard, the high sheriff, declared Col. Tempest and Squire Vane to be fairly and freely elected knights of the shire to the great joy and satisfaction of the people in general.

Wind now S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 129.]

June 25.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 130.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 130 r.]

June 25.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the High Sheriff of Surrey to reprieve during pleasure Jonathan Frost, convicted and sentenced to death at Southwark for clipping and coining. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 136.]

June 25.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Master and Wardens of the Cloth-workers' Company. In favour of Mr. Seaman, as to whom see his letter of the 18th calendared *ante*, p. 168. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 44.]

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June 25. Sir J. Williamson to Sir Francis Leake. Signifying his
Whitehall. Majesty's pleasure that he, or in his absence the Lieut.-Governor, cause the late English, Scotch, and Irish seamen taken serving on board a certain Dutch man-of-war to be delivered on board such of his Majesty's ships or other vessel, as he shall direct by Mr. Pepys, having first caused their examinations to be taken before the Mayor of Gravesend, or some other justice, of the true state of the case, where they were taken by the Dutch, how used, how and on what terms dismissed from their imprisonment, and also what passed here in the River in their being taken from on board the Dutchman, the said examinations to be returned hither as soon as taken. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 44.*]
- June 25. Commission to Richard Pope to be ensign to Capt. Richardson in
Whitehall. Col. Russell's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 16.*]
- June 25. Passes for Geoffrey Palmer with his two servants to go to
France, and for Catherine Todeske with her daughter and family to go to Dieppe. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 68.*]
- June 25. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. I have had nothing to trouble
Kinsale. you with this long time. The *Robert* of this place came in yesterday from France with salt. He says he made all the haste he could, for they were afraid of an embargo on all English ships. Last night came in a small ketch from Southampton with tobacco pipe clay. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 168.*]
- June 25. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Continuing our former
Whitehall. resolution of holding a Parliament in Ireland, as soon as the requisite preparations can be made, we desire that, immediately after the receipt of these letters, you, by and with the advice of the Privy Council there, prepare and transmit under the Great Seal in due form some few bills, which you by the like advice shall judge most acceptable and beneficial for our people, and may on our passing and retransmitting the same give a ground for holding a parliament there without loss of time, and, after making such transmission, you are to prepare such other bills, as you shall by the like advice find expedient relating to the revenue there or otherwise, as we shall likewise do here for your better guidance, but, if you shall conceive it more for our service that you attend us personally with such heads and materials of bills as shall be judged proper, and that you may be at our considering thereof before any bills be transmitted, we leave you free to attend us as soon as you think fit, leaving directions with the Lord Justices in your absence to attend the work of preparing such further bills as shall be thought necessary. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 324.*]
- June 25. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for him to repair to
Whitehall. the King's presence that he and the Council may advise with him at large and receive information touching the affairs of Ireland, and directing him to appoint the Archbishop of Dublin and Sir Arthur Forbes to be Lord Justices during his absence. [*Ibid. p. 325.*]

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June 25. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant to Robert Leigh of the lands comprised in the former letter of 5 Dec., 1674, calendared in the last volume, p. 449, and in similar terms thereto, except that where in the former "a deficiency of 200*l.*, satisfiable to him" is mentioned, here it is "an allowable deficiency warrantable by the rules of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation." [Over 2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 327.*]
- June 26. John Monson to Williamson. Apologizing for not having waited on him since his return to England, for he has almost lost the use of his limbs, being forced to this way of address to desire an addition to his former favours by returning the papers left in his hands by Lord Arlington's direction some years ago, by which the writer claimed a reparation from his Majesty according to his own and his father's promises, for, though they were mislaid before his going as Ambassador, Lord Ogle assures the writer from Lord Arlington, that they are now in Williamson's possession. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 131.*]
- June 26. Rye. James Welsh to Williamson. The Ostenders continue their former irregularities, for on the 24th a vessel from hence to Dieppe met an Ostender on the French coast, which not only took the passengers' money but stripped them of their clothes, though several of them were Englishmen. Yesterday went hence two ships of Boston in New England laden with Virginia tobacco for Amsterdam. [*Ibid. No. 132.*]
- June 26. Certificate by Edmund Boldero, Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, Vice-Chancellor, John Carr, Deputy Professor of Medicine, and Henry Paman, that Thomas Novell, now of Little East Cheap, London, was formerly a member of Jesus College and resident there several years, that he is a practitioner in physic publicly licensed by the Vice-Chancellor and Senate, and that his great imperfection of speech renders him incapable the exercises required by the statutes for the degree of M.D., and that they judge him otherwise very sufficiently qualified and meriting. *At the foot,*
Statement by the Duke of Monmouth that he thinks it fit Mr. Norel should be relieved in his demand by his Majesty's letter, if Mr. Secretary please to procure it in his behalf. 26 July. Windsor.
[*Ibid. No. 133.*]
- June 26. Commission to Herbert Price to be ensign to Capt. Downing's company in Col. Russell's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 16.*]
- June 26. Whitehall. Warrant from Sir J. Williamson to Roger L'Estrange, Surveyor of the Press, to search for and seize the copies of a profane and scandalous pamphlet entitled *The Quaker and his Maid*, and to seize and bring before him the author, printer, or publisher thereof. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 68.*]
- June 26. Sir William Domville to Sir Gilbert Talbot. Thanking him for his kind remembrance of him.—As to the queries you demand my advice in, I received them but yesterday, and on so short a

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time can only offer my present conceptions. I conceive they are not pertinent to the matter in question touching the King's power to dispose of the remaining part of the '49 men's security yet undiscovered and undisposed of, for, as to the clause in the Act of Settlement to which they refer, it is true that certain persons were appointed by the Dukes of Albemarle and Ormonde pursuant thereto, who were authorized by the Act to set and let the said security for the best advantage of the '49 officers. Their authority is derived from the Act, the nomination of the persons to exercise it was from the said Dukes, and the extent of their authority went no further than to set and let for the best advantage. If you refer to clause 9 of the said Act you will there find all the branches of the '49 security enumerated, viz., 1, All the forfeited lands and hereditaments undisposed of in Wicklow, Longford, Leitrim and Donegal, and in Connaught and Clare lying within one mile of the Shannon and the sea, called the mile line; 2, Out of all the forfeited houses in the several walled towns and corporations, and lands thereunto belonging; 3, Out of the benefit arising from the redemption of mortgages, statutes staple and judgments; 4, Out of one year's rent payable by the officers and soldiers put in the Act.

These were the four main branches of the security set apart for the satisfaction of the '49 officers originally by the Declaration and the Act of Settlement. There was indeed afterwards 100,000*l.* given them by the Act of Explanation, but those branches set apart by the Declaration and the Act of Settlement were the chief, the other being only a sum in gross, which had reference to some part of the first branches, viz., the year's rent payable by the soldiers and officers of Cromwell's army, who had been satisfied by him long before, when these were left without any satisfaction.

Now, as to the four branches, the two first were of forfeited lands in the four counties and in Connaught and Clare, and the forfeited houses in towns and corporations, and the authority given by the Act to the persons nominated by the Dukes was principally and solely exercised about these two first branches which referred to the lands and houses, and, till those two branches were equally disposed and divided amongst them by the Commissioners of Claims about 1666, they set and let them from year to year under certain yearly rents, which were disposed of by them for the best advantage of the parties concerned. But as to the other two branches, these were things which could not come under their regulation to set and let, for they lay, as they do at this day for the most part, concealed and undiscovered to them. I therefore conceive it matters not whether one or more of those trustees being dead or alive the rest may execute, for the subject matter on which they were employed is wholly disposed of by the Commissioners of Claims and there is not a foot of land in the four counties nor in Connaught nor Clare that they could dispose of but is already divided amongst them, and so likewise of their houses in towns corporate there remains none to set or let. Therefore I answer to this as to the second query, to what purpose should any new trustees be appointed on that clause of the Act with a power only to set or let, when nothing is left wherein they may execute that trust? and that reason may answer

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your third query. But as to the fourth I conceive that the power of the trustees formerly appointed is at an end for want of a subject matter to work upon, and that there is no use to be made of any such trustees as have been formerly appointed, for their employment was only to set and let those visible branches of that security, and thereof little or nothing is now extant. But, as to what remains of the third branch consisting of mortgages &c., I conceive that his Majesty may, when any person interested in that security as a '49 officer or as assignee to such shall make discovery of any mortgages, statutes staple or judgments unsatisfied, grant to such person in satisfaction of his '49 arrears such part of that branch as may satisfy his debt, and such grant is good within the scope and intent of both Acts, and there will be no need of any new trustees to be appointed, for nothing is left for such persons to be employed in if appointed, and nature and reason never made anything in vain. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 169.*]

June 27.
Gray's Inn.

Edward Rigby to Williamson. I was the end of last week twice at your lodgings to take my leave, but, missing my intention, I make bold to give you this trouble, only to beg you to satisfy the bearer, whether the pardon will be granted for his friends, as desired, or not, in regard they cannot discover any person to be guilty of the fact, which they would be pardoned for, for he is quite tired of expectation and does not perceive any great likelihood, unless you will give him an assurance thereof, and then he will be encouraged to stay to see the same effected; otherwise he will speedily return to the country, and leave them to defend themselves by their innocence against their malicious enemies. Therefore I earnestly entreat you to resolve him what he may expect. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 134.*]

June 27.
Sheerness.

Major Nathaniel Darell to Williamson. The King anchored last night, as near as we can guess, about the Oaze Edge, and at 5 this morning set sail towards the Downs with the wind W.N.W. and a very favourable gale. [*Ibid. No. 135.*]

June 27.
1 p.m.
The
Greyhound.

Henry Savile to Williamson. This is by his Majesty's command to convey the enclosed to you, which you are to deliver, and to let you know that his Majesty is now in the Downs under sail, making the best of his way, the wind W. and by N., a pretty fresh gale. [*Ibid. No. 136.*]

Sunday.
June 27.
3 p.m.
The Navy
Yacht in the
Downs.

Capt. Richard Haddock to Williamson. About noon yesterday the King came to Gravesend with his Royal Highness, the Duke of Monmouth and several lords and gentlemen, and went on board the *Greyhound*, and immediately weighed anchor and sailed with the attendance of his little squadron, viz., the *Greyhound*, *Soudados* and *Lark* frigates, the *Anne*, *Portsmouth*, *New* and *Old Katherine*, *Richmond*, Navy and Kitchen yachts. The wind came round the compass before night with some rain and about 10 we anchored betwixt the Cant and Oaze Edge buoy.

This morning, wind W.N.W., at 4 his Majesty fired a gun, and by 5 we all came to sail, and drove and sailed to the Red Sand buoy, where we lay by for water to put through the Narrow, and by

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9 got over the Flats, and at noon up with the North Foreland. We are now putting through the Downs, the frigates that lay here, viz.: the *Harwich*, *Yarmouth*, *Portsmouth*, *Garland*, *Speedwell*, *Young Spragg*, and the *Holmes* and *Anne and Christopher*, fireships, going along with us. The King, whom I waited on even now, is resolved to ply away towards Portsmouth, and this ebb I doubt not we shall get the Ness at least, the wind W. by N. You will excuse haste, the King making all the sail he can away. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 137.]

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4 p.m.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. About noon to-day the King came about the Foreland in the *Greyhound*. About 1, about 100 of our greatest boats full of men went to present our obedience to him, which he was pleased to accept of. He is now gone out of the *Greyhound* to the *Harwich*. Little wind at N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 138.]

June 27.

Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of packet-boats and mails. Yesterday at half-past one went to sea the Prince of Neuburg in one of his Majesty's yachts for Dieppe. [*Ibid.* No. 139.]

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Certificate by Sir William Peake that John Stonechest took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid.* No. 140.]

June 28.
Broad Street,
London.

An. Duncan to Williamson. Enclosed are copies of the letters from the Government of Tangier to the Lords Commissioners for Tangier and to the Ambassador at Madrid, by both which you will see the complaints of the said place represent Sir Martin Wescombe a different person from what was represented to his Majesty and the Honourable Board the other day by my Lord Ambassador Godolphin in his letter to Secretary Coventry, by which you may judge the rest of Sir Martin's actions, and that it is not without just cause so many honest, quiet-spirited men of business appear against him. [*Ibid.* No. 141.]

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Egleston.

Christopher Sanderson to Williamson. I question not you have heard of Mr. Thomas Vane's being chosen a Knight of the Shire for the Bishopric, the election being finished on Wednesday night the 23rd, and his brother, Mr. Christopher Vane, who was his proxy, came to Raby Castle in great triumph the Thursday night, where his brother was lying in the smallpox, and died Friday morning. Col. Tempest was the other knight, who had 1,046 votes, Mr. Vane 857, and Sir James Clavering 737. All the sectaries in the whole county were generally for Mr. Vane, and it did not a little cause them to prick up their ears, but a little foresight might have prevented and discouraged him from standing or these people from being so brisk in electing him, which was by keeping him out of the commission of the peace, which he got into last year. Sir Robert Eden and Mr. William Bellasis, junior, were the only two persons in the county that stickled for him, and few or no gentlemen besides themselves, but most of his party within the lordship of Raby and Barnard Castle, who have, many of them, houses about 40*s. per annum* and farm land under the Vanes; and, if they were put out of the commission

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of the peace for this, they deserved it, and it would be a good precedent to deter others from doing the like. 'Tis said Mr. Vane's brother will put in at the new election for himself, but, if he be kept out of the commission of the peace (which 'tis probable he will first endeavour to be in), I believe he will acquiesce, for I am confident, if Mr. Vane had been kept out of it, he would never have attempted it, for you would [? think it] strange, as I am told, how the Fanatics continually resorted to him, after he was once made a Justice, for it encouraged them. I have no more to add, hoping you will make private use of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 142.]

June 28.
Bridlington

T. Aslaby to Williamson. The great fleet of light colliers that anchored in this bay loosed and stood northward, and we judge are got to their loading ports. Several light vessels have passed by since. The Quakers and Nonconformists meet constantly in great numbers, and it is to be feared their meeting tends more to faction and rebellion than real zeal of religion, godliness and obedience. [*Ibid.* No. 143.]

June 28.
5 p.m.
The
Greyhound,
in the Downs.

Henry Savile to Williamson. I wrote to you yesterday by his Majesty's command, and now by the same authority send you the enclosed. He has been beaten back by foul weather to lie here at anchor at present, having this morning almost weathered Dungeness. He is resolved to stay here till the wind prove fairer, which is suddenly hoped, it being now S.E. [*Ibid.* No. 144.]

June 28.
3 p.m.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. (Recapitulation of his last letter.) I have been examining the number of boats, and 'tis said there were about four score, but every boat had his jack and ensign, and flags were hung up in Deal town, all which his Majesty was graciously pleased to take notice of. His Majesty passed Dover road, but by contrary high winds was constrained to stand the other way and to-day, a little before noon, came again, and is now at anchor in the small Downs to the northward of Deal about four miles, and about the same distance from Ramsgate Pier. There runs a short scurvy sea. The wind has been and is at S.E. more than a topsail gale, but, God be thanked, without danger. At coming of the ebb we hope for less wind and a smoother sea. [*Ibid.* No. 145.]

June 28.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Giving an account of the King's movements similar to the last. [*Ibid.* No. 146.]

June 28.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Within these two days arrived the *Thomas and Mary* and *John* in 24 hours from Morlaix, and the *Samuel* and *Joan* in 5 days from Croisic. By the masters, &c., we have certain advice that notwithstanding the discrediting and nul[ling] the late tax on tobacco, &c., the mutineers are still up in many places in Brittany, specially in the county of Cornwall at Landurny (Landerneau), Chantillien, Lesneven and other places, demanding ease upon the imposition on sellers of wine, &c., by retail and other duties to be taken off from them, being a free province. The English merchants and others, on news of their coming towards them, carried much of their drapery and other

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- June 28. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N. [*Ibid. No. Truro. 148.*]
- June 28. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Here was a small French sloop Pendennis. which report of five French men-of-war cruising, and last Thursday arrived here from Surinam the *George* of Galway, laden with sugar bound for the Downs. Other shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 149.*]
- June 28. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Last week came in here the *St. Falmouth. Jacob*, a small French caper. It is said she came from Plymouth. She stopped here but one day and then went for Helford, and so kept along by the shore to the westward. She is supposed to be sent into our harbour for intelligence. The 25th came in here the *St George* of Middelburg in 8 weeks from Surinam laden with sugar homeward bound. They say eight more would be ready loaden and come away a few days after them, and yet they could not clear the last crop. They left that place in a very peaceful and thriving condition. In the Channel, a day before they came in, they spoke with a ship sent to meet our East Indiamen, which told them that some few hours before they saw seven French men-of-war, so they advised them to put into the next harbour, which they did, the wind being fair for them at N.W. Many passengers are on board, and it is said they will take out their goods here, except they can have a convoy, which they cannot stay long for, having so many on board.
- All the news here is that the King or the Duke of York will be at Pendennis Castle within this month. [*Ibid. No. 150.*]
- June 28. Thomas Holden to James Hickey. Giving the same news as the Falmouth. last with the addition that the English at Surinam and the Dutch agree very well. [*Ibid. No. 151.*]
- June 28. Inland advices received that day, being extracts from letters all previously calendared. [*Ibid. No. 152.*]
- June 28. *Caveat* on behalf of Mr. Grenville that nothing pass concerning the grant of the manor of Chertsey, Surrey. [*Cancelled. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 12.*]
- June 29. John Banckes to Williamson. Sending the enclosed just received London. from Sir W. Swann. The Hamburgers are in great fear of the Danes' army as that they may have a design on the town in this conjuncture. They have sent two senators to the King at Gluckstadt, to see if they can make up the business. In the meantime they have ordered the raising of 1,000 horse and 1,000 foot, and caused the trees to be cut down before one of the city gates. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 153.*]

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June 29.
Magdalen
College,
Oxford.

Thomas Smith to Williamson. Herewith by my brother's hands I present you with a small discourse published here, not only because it is mine and therefore justly due to you, to whom I owe so much, but because I know such pacific writings are very agreeable to your great care and zeal for the peace of Christendom, which is so unhappily disturbed by such fierce and hot disputes about religion. 'Tis but an essay of a greater work, which I shall prosecute or not as I shall be advised by a most learned bishop to whom I send it. I am now concerned about writing an account of the present state of the Greek Church, which I have long designed but was hindered by my other studies from pursuing, and shall with your leave prefix to it your name, whom all scholars look upon as the great patron of learning, and to whom I especially owe the opportunity of travelling into the Levant and of making those observations. It has been often in my thoughts to make some proposals to you about his Majesty's library at St. James', but this looking like too great a presumption, I forbear till I have kissed your hands at Whitehall and know your pleasure in it.

Mr. Bo[w]les' friends could not take a more effectual course to procure my vote in order to his being Fellow than by procuring your letter, and therefore I think it highly concerns me to inform you briefly of the true state of things as they refer to his particular concern. A Mr. Rogers, an M.A. and much Mr. Bo[w]les' senior, a person highly accomplished, is his competitor, to whom the greater part of the Society is inclinable out of a just respect to his learning, behaviour, and seniority. He is also very nearly related to Secretary Coventry, being his father's cousin german, who has appeared very early in his behalf. Though this last consideration does no way sway with me, who more value your favour and good opinion than any person's whatsoever, yet I thought it my duty to acquaint you with it. The Society, I am confident, have that great regard to your recommendation, that, if they were not pre-engaged, Sir Bo[w]les might receive great benefit by it, at least I myself (whose single vote now can do him [no] good) would use the little interest I have with some friends in the College to serve him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 154.*]

June 29.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Since my last concerning the election for Durham, death has made void the election of Squire Vane, who died of the smallpox the day month he was married. Wind N. [*Ibid. No. 155.*]

June 29.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. I committed a mistake last Saturday writing that the packet-boat which came from the Brill last Wednesday was not then arrived, for, she coming in very late on Friday, the master came not to me. Last night arrived another, which came from the Brill Sunday evening, having stayed there not above two hours. They bring no news.

The *Sapphire*, a fifth-rate frigate built here, was this noon very well launched. The weather has been very dark and blustering with a S.E. wind yesterday. To-day it continues blowing and rainy, wind northerly. [*Ibid. No. 156.*]

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June 29. B. St. Michel to Williamson. I had last night the honour from
Deal. his Majesty's commands to bring his packet directed to you ashore,
at which time he was riding at anchor in the Downs, being forced
back again by ill-weather and contrary winds, and being then
[not] able to budge for the extreme stormy weather, the wind
continuing contrary at South, and now, though the weather still
continues so stormy that it is not possible any boat can come
ashore from on board his Majesty, though you might have had
further advice, I thought it my duty to acquaint you that, the
wind being come about fair to the N.E., his Majesty at three this
morning proceeded on his voyage, and I hope, if the wind
continues, he may be at Portsmouth to-night or to-morrow
morning. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 157.*]
- June 29. Richard Watts to Williamson. Giving the same news as the
3 p.m. last. [*Ibid. No. 158.*]
Deal.
- June 29. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Giving the same news as the
Deal. last two. [*Ibid. No. 159.*]
- June 29. John Reading to Williamson. This morning his Majesty passed
Dover. by for Portsmouth, between 5 and 6, the wind fresh at N.E.
A bad accident has happened to the harbour. The sluice being let
run, passing by a new turn-water, which was made lately to turn
beach out of the haven's mouth, the force of the water undermined
the foundation of the north head about 30 feet in length, which
breach not being sufficiently repaired, the overseers of the work
caused an old vessel laden with 40 tons of beach to be laid at the
breach, to prevent, as they thought, the further annoyance of the
head, but the vessel sinking with her stern down in a hole against
the breach laid the hull so athwart the channel that now no
vessels can pass in or out of the harbour. [*Ibid. No. 160.*]
- June 29. R[oger] M[anley] to Isaac Dorislaus, at the Post Office. Though
Portsmouth. we expect the King hourly, yet he is not in sight nor have we any
certainty of his motion. The ship will be launched at 11, the tide
admitting of no further delay, and then the post parts. 'Tis now
but 8, but, by reason of our drawing into the field, I write this by
anticipation. [*Ibid. No. 161.*]
- June 29. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 162.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 162.*]
- June 29. On the petition of John Jackson of Shap, Westmorland, yeoman,
Whitehall. praying a pension or some relief from the King, in regard of the
loss of his son in his service, and his own sufferings and lamentable
condition, recommendation to the Justices of Westmorland to
provide some annual pension or allowance for the petitioner's
relief. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 36.*]
- June 29. The King to the Lord President and the remanent Senators of
Whitehall. the College of Justice. We have perused your letter to us of the
17th instant with that of the same date to our Secretary. On
12 December last we declared that none of those advocates who

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deserted their station and should not betwixt that time and 28 Jan. last apply to you for their re-entry should ever be re-admitted to that function at any time. You now inform us that Sir George McKenzie and many other debarred advocates gave in petitions to you before the day prefixed, which were not satisfactory, and for that cause were not transmitted to us; but by this letter you tell us that Sir George has by his late petition explained his former in very ample terms, which petition you have transmitted and with which we are very well satisfied. Therefore we authorize and require you to admit him to the full exercise of his function as advocate, and we hope he will be so exemplary in his duty for the future as may render him capable of our further favour. We also authorize you to restore his brother, Colin McKenzie, whose petition we find very satisfactory. As to the rest of the outed advocates we authorize you to admit such as shall petition in the very terms Sir George or his brother have done and no others, provided always the number of those re-admitted do not exceed that of those who remained firm in their duty. This you are to do without transmitting petitions to us, for we will cut off all frivolous expectations of applying to us, without giving full satisfaction to you. And, as we have fully trusted you with the re-admission of others, so we expect you will be careful not to admit such as you judge to have been main sticklers here or in Scotland in this faction or libellers of our authority in your station, and that you take sufficient assurances from all the re-admitted advocates that they shall not hereafter meddle in any public matters without the true limits of their employment as advocates, and lastly that none of them discourage those who remained steadfastly in their duty. We are confident you will pursue faithfully what we here recommend to you, and you are to take special care that no petition be admitted after this session, and we give you authority to set a shorter day if you think fit, but we will not admit of further delay after next month. [2 pages. *S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 8, p. 260.*]

June 30. Adam de Cardonnel to Williamson. I send a letter for you from
Southampton. Capt. Raleigh of Jersey, that came enclosed in mine, which, instead of being left here, was carried to London, and so sent back by the post. Mr. Richbell came back lately from London, who obliged me by employing himself in preferring a son of mine with you, and told me you were inclinable to it, but desired first to see him. I intend very shortly to wait on you with him, and wish he may find favour with you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 163.*]
Enclosed,

George Raleigh to Williamson. This afternoon arrived here a boat from St. Malo, by which we were informed from one of our justices who is there, that tumults are again broken out at Rennes and other places, so that Duke Chaulnes and others of the chiefest are forced for the present to abscond. When anything else shall happen here worth your knowledge I shall not fail to acquaint you with it. 10 June. Jersey. [S.P. Channel Islands 9, No. 30.]

June 30. S. Pepys to Williamson. I reached this yesterday noon, at which
Portsmouth. time the new ship was very happily launched, but without any

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tidings of his Majesty till about the same hour to-day, when his Royal Highness came in with the *Anne* yacht, from whom I have understood his Majesty's proceedings from the Downs to have been as follows:—

He passed the Downs early on Sunday afternoon, wind at W.N.W., was thwart the South Foreland at 3, it being then high water, and with the ebb turned down to a little short of Hythe, where he anchored at 9 at night.

On Monday morning, between 3 and 4, he set sail, the wind at S. turning to the westward within 4 miles of the Ness point. About 7 the same morning he bore up for the Downs again, and came in there about 11 and rode there all the following night.

On Tuesday morning at 3, wind at E.N.E. he weighed, and, lying an hour driving till the frigates could get under sail, at 4 passed the South Foreland, and at 7 was thwart the Ness, then steering W.S.W. was before 11 off Beachy, when steering W. by S. and W.S.W. they at 4 in the afternoon saw the Isle of Wight, it bearing N.W. distant between 3 and 4 leagues, wind at N. At past 12 that night the Duke came to anchor in Sandown Bay, the King then plying to windward between 2 and 3 leagues short without Dunoze.

This morning at 5 the King was under sail about S.E. from the *Anne* and about 7 came to anchor when the *Anne* weighed, the wind then at N. by W. and came in hither between 11 and 12, in company with the *Portsmouth* yacht.

His Majesty and the frigates who attend him came not in sight of this place while we had day, but our expectations are to see them in the morning.

As to any further particulars I have only to tell you that the *Harwich* carries the bell from the whole fleet, great and small, and that, in case his Majesty comes not in by the morning, his Royal Highness purposes to go out again towards him to the great discomfort of our landmen, who have had enough of the sea for this bout. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 164.*]

Wednesday,
June 30.
Portsmouth.

Sir John Werden to Williamson. I received immediately on our landing here a cover from you with a letter which the Duke had presently, and the news-books, which I shall show him as soon as he has time to peruse them.

We had a very tedious voyage, especially to myself who am used to be very sick, but, supposing you have heard how unhappily we were forced to bear up for the Downs on Monday night (when the Speaker with his yacht left us and returned to London), I shall only tell you what has passed since. On Tuesday morning his Majesty and all of us set sail out of the Downs, with a wind very favourable, but so violent that, putting abroad much sail, and when we had passed Beachy the weather proving very thick, perhaps too our compasses being disordered with the violence of the sea, we so far outran or mistook our course that late at night we found ourselves to the westward of the end of the Isle of Wight, and then we fell to ply to windward in very stormy and dark weather and thus lost company and sight of his Majesty in the *Greyhound*. His Royal Highness about one this morning anchored in Sandown Bay, outside St. Helen's

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Point. When day cleared up, we saw the King at least three leagues to leeward of us, and, finding he lay still when the tide came fair for him to turn it up to windward, we concluded he meant to go ashore about Freshwater Bay, rather than be at the trouble to contend any longer against the winds, whereupon we weighed at seven this morning, and, the *Anne* being a very bad sea-boat, we got hither at two this afternoon without any further news of the King. The Duke of Monmouth came in at the same time with us, but he had been plying first all night without ever anchoring. Sir Robert and Sir John Holmes are both gone to the Isle of Wight, the first to receive the King, the latter to give us notice, as soon as the King is landed, by fires or smokes from the tops of the hills. I do not yet hear of any news or any signs made, it being now near 6. The Speaker is come to us overland from London. All the officers of the Navy and Ordnance are here, and we have been to see the new ship, the *Royal James*, built by Mr. Deane and by all acknowledged to be the most complete piece his Majesty has in all his navy. When you deliver the enclosed to the Duchess, please let any of your footmen leave the other for my wife. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 165.]

June 30. Capt. G. Legge to [Williamson]. Giving the same news as in
3 p.m. the last two letters. [*Ibid.* No. 166.]

June 30. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. No news. Sending an
Weymouth. enclosure from Lyme. [*Ibid.* No. 167.] *Enclosed,*

— to Mr. Osborne. *We have two vessels just now come, run away from Morlaix and two more stay there, they reshipping all our drapery &c., for the mutineers (contrary to the story in our news) being 20,000 were come within two leagues of it, and summoned the town immediately to join with them. Whether they did so they know not, for their departure was hasty. No tonnage money paid. For any creature that looks like a Philistine, down he goes, for one of the maltotiers of Morlaix being rencountred was demanded, if he would be of the people's side. He answered, No, and so one knocked out his brains with the butt end of a musket, saying, Then thou shalt be of no side. The mutineers being come to the above parish, because the priests had taken away the clappers of the bells, immediately hanged four of them, all they could light on. Every nobleman that refuses to join with them they burn or rase his house immediately. This goes under cover. 28 June. Lyme. [Signature cut off. Ibid. No. 167 I.]*

June. Lists of the deputy lieutenants and justices of the peace (besides privy councillors, peers and judges) for Middlesex. [*Ibid.* Nos. 168, 169.]

[June?] Additional establishment for Hurst Castle of one master gunner and three other gunners, the former at 2s. a day and each of the latter at 1s. a day, amounting to 91l. 5s. *per annum*, to commence from 1 July, 1675, Sir T. Chicheley having represented that there

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are near 30 guns mounted there, and that it is requisite such gunners be established there. *Sign-Manual. Countersigned, "Danby, J. Williamson."* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 170.*]

[June?] Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Charles, Lord Gerard, of the office of keeper of the palace lately belonging to York Place, and by an Act of Parliament made parcel of the royal palace at Westminster, void by the death of George Kirke. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 171.*]

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Philip Kirke to Williamson. Requesting that, if he has any warrant to be signed by his Majesty for Lord Gerard to be house-keeper of Whitehall, there might be a stop thereto till his own concern be heard. [*Ibid. No. 172.*]

[June?] Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant of the office of Under-housekeeper or Keeper of the Lower Rooms of Whitehall and the gardens and lodgings belonging to the said Lower Rooms to Philip Kirke for his life. [*Precedents 1, f. 76.*]

June. Deal.

Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 371. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward Bound.	Inward Bound.	Wind.	Remarks.
173	June 1	1	3	6	S.W.	
174	" 2	1	9	7	S.W.	
175	" 3	1	9	4	S.W.	
176	" 4	2	11	1	S.W.	
177	" 5	2	10	0	S.W.	
178	" 6	7	3	1	S.	
179	" 7	7	1	3	S.E.	
180	" 8	7	1	0	E.	
181	" 9	7	1	0	N.E.	
182	" 10	7	1	0	N.E.	
183	" 11	6	0	0	N.E.	
184	" 12	5	0	3	N.	
185	" 13	6	0	0	N.E.	
186	" 14	5	0	0	N.	
187	" 15	6	0	3	N.E.	
188	" 17	6	10	2	N.W.	
189	" 18	6	10	5	W.	
190	" 19	6	12	0	N.W.	
191	" 20	6	5	1	N.W.	
192	" 21	6	2	0	N.W.	
193	" 22	7	0	0	N.W.	
194	" 23	8	0	1	E.	Two copies, one addressed to Secretary Williamson and one to Secretary Coventry.
195	" 24	8	0	1	E.	
196	" 24	8	0	1	E.	
197	" 25	7	0	0	E.	

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198	June 27	—	5	1	W.	This evening his Majesty sailed through the Downs and never anchored, only went from the <i>Par-mouth</i> to the <i>Harwich</i> , where he sailed from hence with all the rest of the men-of-war.
199	„ 28	—	6	2	S.S.W.	His Majesty to-day bore up in the Downs with all the ships of war with him by reason of bad weather, and are now at anchor.
200	„ 29	0	0	0	N.E.	(This morning his Majesty sailed out of the Downs about 3, the wind being fair, a fresh gale, and is supposed to be by this time at <i>Portsmouth</i> .)
201	„ 30	0	3	0	N.E.	

July 1.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The weather has been very bad ever since our launching the *Sapphire*. Yesterday was a very blowing day; the wind continues high and northerly. One of our packet-boats is just come in. They say the French privateers and capers make foul work with the Dutch fisher-boats and suffer them not to fish. They have no news from the camp but that their soldiers are very unruly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 202.*]

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 July 1. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N. About 2 yesterday
 Portsmouth. arrived his Royal Highness in a yacht, and that morning saw his Majesty at sea and left him off the Isle of Wight. The wind being at N. and blowing hard, he could not get in, but to-day is less wind. I suppose, if not gone to Plymouth, they may be here by noon. About 8 this morning his Royal Highness went to sea to find his Majesty. Tuesday the great ship was launched, and named the *Royal James*, a brave stout ship, as any the King has. The Duke of Monmouth came here with his Royal Highness, but is gone to sea this morning to accompany him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 203.*]
- July 1. Muster taken that day of the Duke of Monmouth's company in garrison at Hull and also of the train of artillery there. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II. Case F., No. 68.*]
- July 1. Sir J. Williamson to Dr. Bathurst. I am too sensible of the fatal
 Whitehall. mischief to the University from remiss government, ever to be a solicitor for anything that should lead to it, yet could not well deny the suit of so many worthy gentlemen as are interested in the Royal Oak Lottery. They have your Chancellor's recommendation to you for leave to exercise their lottery during the time of the Act, after which I consider it but a compliment to me that they ask mine. What I am specially to be a suitor for is, that the time may be allowed them as long as well the matter will bear. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 45.*]
- July 2. Sir William Temple to Sir L. Jenkins. I have been twice at your house to acknowledge the favour of your visit. This morning the bearer, Samuel Gellibrand, a stationer in your neighbourhood and a very honest man, long of my acquaintance, has desired me to recommend to you only the justice and serious consideration of an affair depending before you, whereby an estate of his grandfather's or elder brother's is pretended to be given from him by a will of his brother's, made, as he says, after he was past any condition of making it. Send me Leo ab Aitzema by the bearer. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 204.*]
- July 2. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and
 Dover. departure of packet-boats and mails. Last Monday night the Lady Gray arrived from Calais. [*Ibid. No. 205.*]
- July 2. Henry Savile to Williamson. Yesterday at Yarmouth I received
 noon. two packets from you of the 28th and 29th, and this morning at
 Portsmouth. my arrival here had your other of the 29th, with the Spanish letter, which was before omitted.
- Coming from the Downs on Tuesday with a very fresh gale, the wind very fair but the weather hazy, for fear of the shore we outran our course, and went to leeward of the Isle of Wight. Our mistake discovered, we were forced all that night to beat up to windward in very stormy weather, and on Wednesday morning his Majesty came to an anchor under Dunnose, and there lay in very rough weather till yesterday morning, that he got in his shallop into the island, where Sir Robert Holmes met him, and carried him to a good

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dinner at Yarmouth. There his Royal Highness came in the afternoon, and after supper they both came hither, arriving at one this morning. This stormy voyage has not at all discouraged his Majesty from the sea, and all he can be persuaded to is only to change his ship and return in the *Harwich*, a good third-rate frigate, but he will by no means hearken to any proposition of returning by land, notwithstanding all manner of conveniences and supplications have been proposed to him. He intends to dine to-morrow at Titchfield at Mr. Noel's, and from thence go straight on board the *Harwich*, and so make the best of his way to the Thames. God send him better weather than he has had, else he will at his return have no reason to call this a voyage of pleasure. The *Katherine* yacht is yet missing and in her Lord Hatton, Lord Cornwallis and Tom Jermyn. She has not been seen since Tuesday night, when she shot for help, being at anchor, but we suppose it was only for something wrong in her mast and hope she may have reached some western port. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 871, No. 206.]

July 2.
Late at night.
Portsmouth.

Sir John Werden to Williamson. Yesterday morning the Duke went out to sea towards the place where we had left the King at anchor, but near the Isle of Wight we met some of the King's servants in a boat, who told him the King was landed that morning in the Isle of Wight, whereon he sailed straight to Yarmouth and met the King there, where they were very well received by Sir R. Holmes. The King came hither at one this morning, has been very well treated by our Governor, and much pleased in seeing the new ship, the *Royal James*, as also in seeing one of the yachts, built here for the French King at Versailles, drawn on a cradle placed on four wheels at least 200 yards to the seaside, where it was lifted up with tackle and other engines (though it weighed at least 42 tons) and let down gently on the ooze, where the tide came in to it, and this afternoon we have seen it sail about with great applause. Since dinner the King has seen the garrison exercise, one troop of horse, four companies of foot of the Guards and four more of the Duke's regiment, which they performed very well, and his Majesty is now seeing fireworks prepared on purpose for him. To-morrow the Court dine at Mr. Nowell's and after dinner embark again for London. [*Ibid* No. 207.]

9, Friday
morning.
[July 2.]
Portsmouth.

Capt. G. Legge to Williamson. His Majesty surprised the garrison last night between 12 and 1. He intends to stay here to-day, and to dine with Mr. Noell at Titchfield to-morrow and thence go on board the *Harwich* and return in her to London. [*Ibid*. No. 208.]

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Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid*. No. 209.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid*. No. 209 I.]

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T. B. to ————. I expected to have heard from you about your business, but have not of late. I have several times sent to you, and many times endeavoured to speak with you, but could not, about your concerns, and yet desire it, for I have something of consequence to offer, and I suppose (except words), if

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anything be acted in your affairs, in the sphere I move in, I may know of it. There is little news in these parts, but great expectations, many doubts, some hopes, and verily some talk, as if it were the design of D? [anby?] to amuse us with uncertain strange reports. Some say that o[ur] K[ing] is gone to see his cousin. Some say the bishops have or will procure a proel[amation] to suppress all meetings of Friends, and that with great severity. There are some notable lines abroad of some Ro[man Cath[olics] for their liberty. I am promised one. As soon as I have it, I may send it. Our friends seem much to be comforted at (an imaginary) total rout the Brandenburgers have given the Swedes, nay, some pretend to give so exact an account ont, that they can tell what pounds of powder are taken and what money to a farthing, as it were. If it be true, 'tis considerable, but some say it is not all true, but only some small rencontre about a town, that was like to have been surprised. Some talk as if the Danes besiege Hamburg. 'Tis also reported that Turenne is much straitened in his quarters and cannot get from the Imperialists, and that there are insurrections in France, and a world of these stories.

Postscript.—Pray let me know if you received that directed to Mr. John Holford of Ta[u]nton Dean as you advised, and, if you did, and will so receive letters, I may send that way best, if anything offer of concern in your business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 210.*]

July 2.
Whitehall.

Two warrants to the Commissioners of the Customs making free the *Flying Hart*, now called the *Friendship*, of London, and the *Soil Fish* or *Gilded Buck*, now called the *Lark*, of London, both Scotch prizes taken in the late Dutch war. [*Precedents 1, f. 34.*]

July 2.
Windsor.

Warrant to the Duke of Ormonde. Being informed by Prince Rupert that there is no provision of carts and carriages made in the late Book of Establishment for him to attend the King in his removes and progresses, and that thereby also his former allowance of 6 bottles of claret *per diem* is reduced to 3, which is too small a proportion for such a diet, he is to give present order to the officers of the Board of Greeneloth in all the King's removes to allow him a coach and two carts, and to augment the 3 bottles to 6 each day. [*Ibid. f. 89.*]

July 3.
Edlington
near
Doncaster.

Sir Thomas Wharton to Williamson. Acquainting him that Sir Philip Musgrave was able to ride 93 miles in two days and a half to that place, and then to be so little weary as to leave it for the pleasure of riding again the next day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 211.*]

July 3.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 212.*]

July 3.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. About noon to-day arrived the *Mary* of about 250 tons from Surat. The *Joshua* of about 600 and the *Falcon* of about 300 tons, both, they say, from Bantam, are coming about the South Foreland. That from Surat is very richly laden, and the other two are not much inferior as the Surat ship says. Little wind, variable from N.W. to S.E. [*Ibid. No. 213.*]

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July 3. Capt. Sir R. Haddock to Williamson. Describing the King's
Saturday afternoon. voyage from the Downs to Portsmouth as in the letters previously
calendared. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 214.]

July 3. S. Pepys to Williamson. His Majesty, having first landed and
Portsmouth. been entertained noon and night by Sir R. Holmes in the Isle of
Wight on Thursday, spent yesterday at Portsmouth, with much
appearance of satisfaction in his visits on float in the morning
(and particularly from the new ship and the yachts built by
Commissioner Deane for the King of France) and on shore in the
afternoon from the Governor. He is this morning going to Titch-
field, where he dines with Mr. Noell, resolving to set out thence
homeward by sea again this evening with this, I hope, better choice
in his passage that he will take it on the *Harwich* to the Downs,
where Commissioner Haddock and some others will attend him,
to the lessening though not wholly removing the apprehensions
we were lately under from the two great adventures he was
then running without other security on board him but his own
seamanship, and poor Clements'.

6 p.m. in the Just as I came to the bottom of the other side, I was called away
Fareham to attend the King to Titchfield, where he has been very hospitably
River. treated by Mr. Noell, and, dinner being done, is returned to his
yachts to be by them transported to Spithead where the *Harwich*
and the rest of the frigates expect him, with purpose of making the
best of his way this evening towards London, the wind blowing at
W.S.W. very fresh and the weather fair. He has been pleased to
bestow the honour of knighthood this day on Sir John Tippetts, Sir
Richard Haddock, and Sir Anthony Deane, the two former at
Portsmouth (with Sir [Roger] Manley, the deputy governor there)
the last at Titchfield.

Some work the King has set me will keep me at Ports-
mouth this night, towards which I am going from Titchfield
in the new French yacht, which (taking in all qualities and its
little depth of water) seems to outdo anything that ever yet swam.
Before my sealing this, the King is going on board the *Harwich* now
under sail. You will be pleased to dispose of the enclosed from the
King to Mr. Cheffins (Chiffinch). [*Ibid.* No. 215.]

July 3. Capt. G. Legge to Williamson. I came just now from his Majesty.
10 p.m. He is under sail and clear of the island, so, if the wind continue fair,
Saturday night. you may expect him at Whitehall on Monday. The ill weather in
Portsmouth. his passage hither has made him change the *Greyhound* for the
Harwich, the best man-of-war with him, and, I think, the safest.
(Accounts of the King's dining at Titchfield and conferring the
knighthoods mentioned in the last.) [*Ibid.* No. 216.]

July 3. John Pocock to James Hickes. Giving an account of the King's
Portsmouth. entertainment and of his departure, as in previous letters. [*Ibid.*
No. 217.]

July 4. Dr. Richard Allestree to Williamson. Expressing his thanks for
Christ his frequent favours to him. [*Ibid.* No. 218.]
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July 4. Theo. Bishop to Williamson. Sir Edward Walker has obliged
Bridgetown. us very much in giving us the opportunity of hearing from you. I was in great hopes to have heard when we in Warwickshire might see you here, and you know you told me it was resolved by you it should be so. My husband is much your servant. The cheese is not forgotten, but till later in the year I cannot furnish you with that which is good. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 219.*]
- July 4. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and
Dover. departures of packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid. No. 220.*]
- July 4. [Sir] R[oger] M[anley] to Isaac Dorislaus at the Post
Portsmouth. Office. Describing the King's arrival at the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth as in previous letters. On Saturday morning having first knighted your brother[-in-law] in his bed-chamber and the two commissioners, Tippetts and Haddock, on the walls, he went to dine at Titchfield, and coming on board the *Harwich* near eight he set sail with his whole fleet towards the Downs, the wind due west, a fine gale. Describing the fireworks and the exercise of the garrison on Friday. [*Ibid. No. 221.*]
- July 4. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. About the King's
Portsmouth. dining at Titchfield, his departure and his conferring knighthoods. [*Ibid. No. 222.*]
- July 4. Robert Leigh to [Williamson]. Recommending Mr. Reading,
Dublin. who, on the occasion of the Lord Lieutenant's going to England, is also going thither. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 170.*]
- July 5. Certificate by Sir William Peake that Passchier Liever took the
oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 223.*]
- July 5. Nathaniel Herne to Williamson. Hoping he will do him the
favour to dine with him to-morrow, and asking him to let him know the hour and whom he wishes invited to accompany him. If not to-morrow, Herne must attend the sessions all the rest of the week. [*Ibid. No. 224.*]
- July 5. Charles, Lord Gerard, to Williamson. Requesting his favour on
Chiswick. behalf of the bearer, Mr. Moore, who was an old servant to Sir Francis Windebank and to Secretary Nicholas at Oxford, and to give him a quick dispatch in getting his grant signed by his Majesty. [*Ibid. No. 225.*]
- July 3. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Last Friday loosed out of this bay 40
Bridlington. light colliers and stood northward. Here are four ships of this place from Norway. The masters report they met with several capers at sea, French, Hollanders, and Flemings, few of them but took something from them. To-day came in a Dane, and all are delivering their ladings. Since Friday last, abundance of laden ships have passed by southward daily. [*Ibid. No. 226.*]
- July 5. Richard Watts to Williamson. About 10 last night his Majesty
Deal. in the *Greyhound* with the rest of the fleet came into the Downs

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from Portsmouth. The greater ships he left in the Downs, he going up in the *Greyhound*, and with him, they say, only the *Soldato* and two small ships more. The wind was N.W. by N., not a topsail gale. Little wind at S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 227.]

July 5.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Between 7 and 8 yesterday evening his Majesty passed by this from the westward, having the wind at S.W. and very good weather. Yesterday afternoon arrived a packet-boat from Nieuport. [*Ibid.* No. 228.]

July 5.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 229.]

July 5.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Since my last there is come into port the *Speedwell* from Barbados with sugar, cotton and ginger, and one from Hamburg with wax and piece goods for Bilboa, and some 7 or 8 small coasters, two from Croisie for Ireland laden with salt and some brandy. These say there has been a great insurrection in Brittany, and very numerous opposing that King's impositions, and that the Governor is much wounded in the tumult by a woman on horseback, who shot him with her pistol and cut him with her sword, but their King's concession to their demands appeased that *belluam multorum capitum*. This morning we hailed a vessel from London bound for Ireland with a nobleman's goods. The great Dutch vessel that has been this last 7 months here expecting convoy is, they pretend, sold to and manned by Englishmen, bound the first fair wind for Holland. Wind E. [*Ibid.* No. 230.]

July 5.

Caveat that there be granted no royal presentation to William Shippen, clerk, for the corroboration of his title to the rectory of Presbury, Cheshire, and no mandate to the Archbishop of Canterbury to grant a dispensation to the said Shippen to hold the rectory of Kirkheaton, Yorkshire, with the very rich rectory of Sefton, Lancashire, without notice to the said Archbishop, the Master of the Faculties, and Thomas Legh of Adlington, the patron of the rectory of Presbury, as the said Shippen has held two rectories for four years without any dispensation and has obtained a third, contrary to the laws both of the kingdom and the Church. [*Latin. Ibid.* No. 231.]

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Report by Sir R. Carr on the petition of George Porter, calendared *ante*, p. 175, that the premises mentioned in the petition were granted as therein mentioned and now are parcel of her Majesty's jointure, that there is a petition pending for the same matter preferred by Edward Tildesley, who is now in possession thereof, and claims under the title of Mistress Elizabeth Lennard, administratrix of her sister, Mistress Howard, and that, if his Majesty be inclined to gratify the petitioner, which can no way prejudice the revenue, he conceives it may be done by empowering her Majesty's trustees to grant the same. [*Ibid.* No. 232.]

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Hampton
Court.

Warrant to the trustees of the Queen Consort, after reciting the said petition of George Porter and the above report, for a lease of the premises petitioned for to the said George Porter for 40 years in

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reversion after the expiration of the term of 31 years now in being granted to Mistress Howard in the manner desired by the petitioner. [Draft. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 371, No. 238.]

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Whitehall.

The Earl of Arlington to Williamson. Having appointed a post to go every day to and from Windsor for the convenience of the Court during his Majesty's stay there, I desire you so to order it that the mail thence every night may be dispatched at 8 or 9 at farthest, so that the letters may arrive here in time to have the convenience of the general office for their further conveyance or delivery here, care being already taken that the letters that go daily hence shall depart at the same hour as now on the usual post days, and, if before or after that precise time you shall have occasion to send letters, care shall be taken that horses be provided for expresses without disturbing the prefixed time for the general letter office, which cannot happen without great inconvenience to the said office and dissatisfaction to all concerned in the punctual going and coming of letters at the prefixed times. [*Ibid.* No. 234.]

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Certificate by Sir William Peake that Ary Peterson Weyman took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid.* No. 235.]

July 6.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind N. [*Ibid.* No. 236.]

July 6.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The packet-boat which left the Brill on Saturday according to custom is not yet arrived. About 30 or 40 ships (laden colliers we judge them) are passing by for the Thames. It is said betwixt 3 and 400 small and great are laded or lading at Newcastle. Wind N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 237.]

July 6.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 238.]

July 6.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyeare to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 239.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 2391.]

July 6.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a pardon to Thomas Dickon and John Towneson, late of Water Friston in the West Riding, convicted of burglary for breaking into the mansion house of and robbing Samuel Sunderland of Harding in the West Riding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 139.*]

July 6.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain for swearing and admitting Henry Guy as Groom of the Bedchamber in the room of Silas Titus. [*Precedents 1, f. 34.*]

July 6.
Whitehall.

Warrant constituting Col. John Russell commander-in-chief of the forces left in London and Westminster during the King's absence to preserve the peace, in which he is to observe such orders as "our dearest and most entirely beloved son James, Duke of Monmouth" shall give from time to time. [*Ibid.* f. 35.]

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Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for the creation of a subpoena Office in the Court of Chancery in Ireland for drawing, writing, preparing and engrossing all writs of subpoena, with a grant of the said office to Richard Aldworth for his life. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 329.*]
- July 6.
Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting letters of 4 June, 1673, which directed that all moneys recovered out of any debts due to the '49 security should be paid to Abel Ram of Dublin, goldsmith, for the use of the persons concerned in the said security, and after payment of such quit-rents as were due thereout should be equally disposed of, so that the said '49 officers might receive the full benefit thereof, and that several persons endeavour to divert the said moneys to other particular uses to the prejudice of the '49 officers, and that the debts have been by the trustees of the said security assigned to the Crown, only that the same might be applied to the satisfaction of the unsatisfied arrears of the said officers, declaring that the said recited letters be in all things pursued and observed so far as he shall judge the same expedient, and that he take care that none of the said moneys recovered out of the said debts be applied to any other uses than to what they were by the said letters designed, any other letters that he had received from the King to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Ibid. p. 331.*]
- [July ?] Thomas Jones to the King. Petition praying for a pardon to Henry Firman and his release from his long imprisonment, he having been employed by the petitioner for the discovery of frauds committed by Samuel Sewster, purser of the *Speedwell*, and his Majesty, having on a former petition of the petitioner's, reprieved him about 18 February last, when found guilty at the Old Bailey Sessions for making out a false Navy ticket, and Firman soon afterwards made out the said discovery amounting to 500*l.* or thereabouts, notwithstanding which he has lain prisoner in Newgate above four months. *At the side,*
Reference thereof to the Recorder of London. On the back,
His report of the truth of the statements in the petition. 9 July. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 240.*]
- July 7.
Whitehall. Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 37.*]
- July 7.
Guildhall. Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. This gentleman is the person I spoke to you of yesterday. He has conformed, as you will find certified by the Bishop, and this prosecution against him is most malicious. I entreat you to look on his certificates and Sir W. Jones' opinion, and to procure for him a *nolle prosequi* before his Majesty goes away. I dare assure you he is a modest, humble, learned and loyal person, and one that can and will really serve his Majesty. *Endorsed, "About Tilsley."* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 241.*]
- [July ?] John Tilsley to the King. Petition showing that, being possessed of the small vicarage of Deane, Lancashire, he ceased to preach for some years after the Act of Uniformity, till in 1670 he conformed, and obtained licence to preach from the then Bishop of

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Chester in his diocese, and by virtue thereof has officiated at Deane by permission of the legal vicar thereof, but is since prosecuted in the County Palatine of Lancaster by Roger Kenyon on the Oxford Act for restraining Nonconformists from inhabiting corporations; and begging a warrant to Sir John Otway, Attorney-General for the County Palatine, to enter a *nolle prosequi* on the said information. With legal queries on the above case, and report of Sir William Jones that the petitioner should not be restrained nor required to take any fresh oath, having done what was required by the Act of Uniformity. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 371, No. 242.*]

Another copy of the above petition with a separate copy of the opinion and case. [*Ibid. Nos. 243, 244.*]

July 7. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Twelve light colliers are at anchor in Bridlington. this bay waiting for a fair wind, it being now much northerly. Last Friday and Saturday passed by southward a great fleet of laden colliers. [*Ibid. No. 245.*]

July 7. Edward Bodham to Williamson. We are in a quiet and healthful Lynn. condition in these parts. [*Ibid. No. 246.*]

July 7. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and Dover. departure of packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid. No. 247.*]

July 7. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 5th arrived the *Fellowship* of this place from Rotterdam. The master and merchants say Lyme. that, a little before their coming away ten days since, the declaration of war was published against the Swedes, and the drums beat for seamen, which came in apace to go aboard a squadron of about 15 men-of-war fitted at Helvoetsluys, their design no further known than to secure their trade. Their discourse there was that the French decline battle with the Prince of Orange. Their expectations from him are great. [*Ibid. No. 248.*]

July 7. *Caveat* on behalf of Sir Herbert Price that nothing pass concerning the grant of a lead mine lately discovered in lands anciently belonging to the Monastery of Coverham, in Swineside in Coverdale, Yorkshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 12.*]

July 7. *Caveat* that no instalment be made for a debt of William Prettyman for first fruits and tenths (and for which Charles Porter and Mr. Fenn are bound), till notice be given to the Earl of Arlington who has a privy seal for 5,000*l.* odd hundred pounds to be paid out of the moneys due by Mr. Prettyman. [*Ibid.*]

July 7. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of John Hall, Whitehall. praying a concurrent lease of the bailiwick of Westminster and of Neat's Court Farm and Hugh's tenement in the Isle of Sheppey, to commence after the expiration of the leases in being and such further estate as shall be granted by the Queen's trustees, paying her the reserved rent during her life, and afterwards the rent of 10*l. per annum.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 37.*]

July 7. The King to the Provost and Fellows of Eton. Recommending Whitehall. Stephen Upman, Fellow of King's, who has been for some years

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preceptor to his natural sons, the Earls of Southampton, Euston, and Northumberland, for admittance to the next vacant Fellowship at Eton, since, as he is a member of King's College, and therefore qualified by their statutes for the same, this favour will be no prejudice to the declaration lately made by the King to the said College, which he intends shall be punctually observed for the future. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 10.*]

July 7. Pass for the Comte Gustave Lellie and the Sieur Melchior
Whitehall. d'Haulteville to transport themselves with their servants, &c., to Hamburg. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 69.*]

July 7. Warrant to the Lord Keeper for a bill constituting Commissioners
Whitehall. for Licensing Hackney Coaches, the Commissioners being the same as in the warrant of 22 June, with the omission of Weld, Warcup, Philip Bulstrode and Harris, and the addition of William Aerskin, Henry Progers, John Mytton, Robert Maddox, Henry Bulstrode and Symon Smith. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

July 7. Patent to Goodwin Wharton for 14 years of a new invention for
Whitehall. the buoying up of ships and the more easy landing and lading of goods. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 70.*]

July 7. Warrant, after reciting the warrant of 11 Jan., 1671, for a
Windsor commission for the erection of a supreme court and criminal
Castle. judicatory for Scotland (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1671, p. 17), and that John, Earl of Athole, had lately resigned his office of Justice General, and that Sir William Lockhart, formerly Lord Justice Clerk, had lately died, for a new commission constituting Alexander, Earl of Murray, the Justice General, Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie, Lord Justice Clerk, and five other senators of the College of Justice to be his Majesty's Commissioners and Criminal Judges with the powers conferred by the said recited commission. [*3½ pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 8, p. 262.*]

July 7. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Windsor Warrant for stating the accounts of the money received by Alex-
Castle. ander, Archbishop of Glasgow, on account of the yearly allowance of 800*l.* sterling from the time of his demitting his charge to his restauration and for causing speedy payment to be made to him of the 800*l.* alleged to be due to him, if they shall find it so. [*Ibid. p. 266.*]

July 7. Commission to Charles Rosse, writer in Edinburgh, to be clerk
Windsor to the Court Martial of the forces in Scotland. [*Ibid. p. 267.*]
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July 7. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Windsor After reciting the warrant to them of 19 February last, concerning
Castle. the pay and allowances of Christopher Irving, surgeon-major, and John Jossie, second surgeon of the forces in Scotland, which allowances had not yet been made effectual to them, and that the said surgeon-major had voluntarily offered to accept 9*s.* sterling *per diem* in place of the allowances formerly granted to him and his mates, and for a horse to carry the surgeons' chests, and the said second surgeon 8*s.* 4*d.* sterling *per diem*, in lieu of the allowances formerly granted to him and his mate, warrant for payment

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to them of the said allowances respectively from the date of their several commissions, and warrant for payment to Charles Rosse, clerk of the Court Martial, of an allowance of 5*s.* sterling *per diem*. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 268.*]

July 7.
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Castle.

Warrant for a gift to John, Earl of Athole, of the escheat and life-rent of Sir Robert Murray of Abercarney. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 270.*]

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Windsor
Castle.

Warrant for a gift of the bastardrie and last heir of Sebastian Aston, burgess of Linlithgow, in favour of Robert Milne, Provost of Linlithgow. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 271.*]

July 7.
Windsor
Castle.

Warrant for a presentation of Donald McKinnon, student of theology, to be minister at the kirk of Straith and Slaite in the Isle of Skye. With note that the presentation of this benefice belongs to the Bishop of the Isles, but, that bishopric being now vacant, his Majesty presents. [*Docquet. Ibid.*]

July 7.
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Castle.

Protection to Captain Henry Martin, a native of Scotland, who, contrary to the proclamation forbidding subjects to list themselves in any foreign service, acted for some time under a French commission in a privateer, but who is now sensible of his offence, and desires to return to his native country. [*Ibid. p. 262.*]

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Castle.

Protections to the Countess of Leven, James Gordon, elder, of Rothiemay, John Gordon, younger, of Rothiemay, John Ogilvy, elder, of Peile and Thomes Inglish of Mordistown, the first being for three and each of the others for two years respectively. [*Ibid. p. 273.*]

July 7.
The Council
Chamber,
Dublin.

Proclamation by Lord Lieutenant and the Council. After reciting the Act of 28 Henry VI. made in Ireland for the suppressing, taking and killing notorious thieves and robbers, which authorized all persons to kill and take all such notorious thieves and all thieves found robbing or breaking houses by night or by day, and offered a reward to every one killing or taking such thieves of 1*d.* of every plough and $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* of every cottage in the barony where the manslaughter is done for every thief, to be levied by the sheriff of the county within one month after such manslaughter, who, if negligent, is to pay the money himself, charging all good subjects to be aiding and assisting to each other in taking and killing all such notorious thieves as shall be found robbing, spoiling or breaking houses by night or day, against the said statute, and commanding the sheriffs to make levies of the moneys intended thereby to be raised as rewards. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 309, p. 414.*]

July 8.

Mary Briant to the King. My desire is so much to see your princely Majesty I know not what to do. Pray direct me and pardon my boldness. I came to London on foot last year three weeks before Whitsuntide, and came to Whitehall. I asked for Mr. Gilbert Thornbury, so a proper man with a pike in his hand said your Majesty was at Windsor, and Mr. Thornbury also, so I returned forth of London on foot, but I cannot do it again. I have been in London three years, one after another, and all in vain. I also desire your

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Majesty would grant me something from your hand to dig for money that was hid by thieves many years ago, and to empty a well which, it was supposed, much was put into, and other hopeful places, that none might say me nay. Two pots of money have been found near this plot already. Many have desired to try, but dare not dig in other men's ground without order. I can tell your Majesty things which will not wholly displease you. Pray grant me my desire. I live in Rowde, a mile from the Devizes, and have a brother-in-law, Humphrey Hockell, a brazier, living in the Devizes. If your Majesty be pleased that I may hear from you, if directed to my brother-in-law's house it will be safely delivered to me. I have your Majesty's picture in my house. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 1.*]

July 8. Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Francis vande Kerckhove took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. With attestation at the foot that Kerckhove with his family intends to settle in England. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

July 8. Order by the Committee of Trade that there be a general meeting of all the merchants of London trading to Cadiz, Port St. Mary, St. Lucar, and Seville at Grocers' Hall next Monday at 3 p.m., who are to subscribe two certificates, one containing the names of such of them as approve of the allowances agreed by several merchants to be made to Sir M. Wescomb as Consul at Cadiz by an instrument of 24 Aug., 1671, and the other the names of those who disallow the said agreement, the said certificates to be presented to their Lordships next Tuesday, and further that the persons who subscribed the said instrument or as many of them as are about the town be summoned to the meeting. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

July 8. Minutes of the Committee of Trade about Sir M. Wescomb and the merchants. The due was 150 *ryals plate* on every ship, Mr. Rumbold testifies sometimes was given a piece of 8, but not of due. Two *ryals plate* on a *ducat* freight on strangers, and one on the nation. He does not demand this as his right.

A general meeting of the traders to Cadiz, &c., particularly those in the list. Sir M. Wescombe to be present, if he pleases. (Vote of the meeting to be taken as above.)

Monday afternoon at 4 the Irish Committee. Lord Ranelagh to have notice to be present about Lord Dillon's business.

The Composition Trade at 4 likewise next Monday, the Commissioners of the Customs to be present, Mr. Bertie to give them notice that they come prepared to give their opinion concerning the Composition Trade.

The Irish Committee to be summoned to attend next Monday at 8. [*Ibid. No. 4.*]

July 8. Dr. John Wallis to Williamson. I have acquainted the Vice-Chancellor how ready you were to afford us your kind assistance, for which he returns his very hearty thanks. You may remember how it was against the hair, both with the Commissioners and some others, to have the business so allowed us, and some of them were not well pleased that the vintner sided so much with us. I pressed
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him to do so, finding we had need enough of it to obviate delays, on assurance I would use my endeavour that he should at least have some competent time allowed him for selling off his wines, but I find on my return some of us here are more severe than I think proper, that would not allow him a day or to sell a drop, but to be gone presently. If all of us should be of this mind, I doubt it might be of ill consequence, since we are not secure we may not be put to play the same game over again. I do not find the Vice-Chancellor himself inclined to so much severity, so, I presume, we shall go more moderate ways. It is thought here that the Bishop of Worcester is either dead, or not likely to subsist long, which will give occasion of alterations. If that or any other occasion give you opportunity of doing a kindness to your servant or my son, I believe his Majesty would be very ready to grant, if we knew what to ask. I have signified to Dr. Conant by his son your good thoughts as to him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 5.*]

July 8. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 6.]

July 8. Hugh Acland to Williamson. By a letter from Morlaix of 6 July
Truro. that stile, it's reported that the peasants in that province have taken up arms, and kill, burn and destroy all the gentry and all such as have been receivers and excisemen, and have but little kindness for their clergy. They are come within two leagues of Morlaix, and have put them into such a consternation that they know not what to do nor how to dispose of themselves. [*Ibid. No. 7.*]

July 8. Patent to Thomas Neale for 14 years for an engine or pump
Whitehall. invented by him for draining mines and other uses of that nature, which forces and draws water in one whole entire barrel with one and the self same stroke, drawing more water and raising it higher with less strength and much more ease than any other hitherto invented. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 74.*]

July 9. A Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 8.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 81.*]

July 9. Grant to Henry Bulstrode, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, of
the King's interest in the estate of John Amys of Borden, Kent, lately become *felo de se*. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 195.*]

July 9. Warrant to Lord Chief Justice North and Baron Vere Bertie,
Windsor. Justices of Assize for the Western Circuit, to forbear sentence in case William Vowles of Panborough, Somerset, be found guilty of felony and burglary, the King being informed of several circumstances in his favour. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 137.*]

July 9. The King to the Commissioners for regulating Hackney Coaches.
Windsor. Recommending to them Henry Henley, for 15 years coachman to the Duke of Ormonde, and requiring them to grant him their licence to drive a hackney coach on the first vacancy occurring in the number established by law, next after such as have been already recommended for licences. [*Precedents 1, f. 84.*]

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July 10. Warrant for the appointment of Richard Lloyd, LL.D., the King's advocate general for the office of High Admiral, and Samuel Francklyn, M.A., the King's procurator general, to proceed, sue, and prosecute in the Court of Admiralty, all such as are accountable to the King for prize ships, goods, &c., according to the Act of 14 *Car. II. c. 14*, entitled, Directions for the prosecution of persons accountable for prize goods, Sir Walter Walker, who had been appointed thereto, being dead, and for the Judge of the Court of Admiralty proceeding therein forthwith. *Draft. With note by the Earl of Danby*, that he sees no cause why his Majesty may not give such warrant as above-mentioned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 9.*]
- July 10. Sir B. Broughton to Williamson. When I was serviceable at the
Beaumont. time of the plots, you promised me Lord Arlington's favour and yours. Allow me now to be a petitioner to you both. My son is B.A. in Trinity and stands for a fellowship in All Souls. The major part of that society is for him, as I am informed, by one of the Fellows, who doubts not to carry it, if not overcome by a Court interest. I beseech you, if an application be made to his Majesty for another, to put in for me, and grant me your letter to the Warden, if not engaged already. [*Ibid. No. 10.*]
- July 10. Silas Taylor to Williamson. About 4 this morning arrived one of
Harwich. our packet-boats with many passengers. They bring no considerable news; the nearness of the two armies and the unwillingness as they imagine of both to engage is their chiefest discourse. Several laden colliers have lately passed by for the Thames. The wind has been mostly N.W. these last three or four days. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]
- [1675.] Sir Christopher Musgrave to Williamson. I am very sorry I could
July 10. not receive your commands to Worcester. His Majesty and his
London. Royal Highness having declared their gracious intentions towards me, I must receive the effect of them by your favour, and therefore request you to move them in it. The length of the march requires a summer season, which spends apace. [*Ibid. No. 12.*]
1675. Pass for a ship of the Grand Duke of Tuscany armed by him
July 10. for convoying merchant ships to and from Leghorn with the name in blank. With note, that two more blank passes of the same tenor and date were granted for two other ships. [*Precedents 1, f. 82.*]
- July 10. Warrant to the Ranger of Enfield Chace, as several deer belonging
Windsor. thereto straggle out into the woods and corn adjacent, whereby divers of them are killed by the country people, requiring him to cause such of the said deer as he shall judge not likely to return and remain in the said chace to be hunted and killed, to prevent their drawing out others with them and being killed by the peasants. [*Ibid. f. 83.*]
- July 10. Robert Leigh to [Williamson]. On this occasion of the Lord
Dublin. Lieutenant's going to England, who sailed about five yesterday afternoon, I thought it my obligation to remind you that this is the time for getting anything in this kingdom, especially if a Parliament be called here soon as is given out, for he carries with

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him, as I guess, a scheme of all the settlement of this kingdom with an account of most things in the King's disposal still, with design to advise his Majesty what course shall be taken in it, as also to the renewing of the establishment and settling the revenue either to farm or otherwise, so that without doubt good things will be got wherever they fall. His two chiefest favourites here go with him, Sir Charles Meredith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir John Temple, the Solicitor-General, an ingenious worthy gentleman, and extremely well versed in the settlement of this kingdom, and well worth your acquaintance, if you have a fit opportunity, for none could be fitter to serve you in relation to this country, or to put you in this juncture on some proper thing in the King's gift.

Postscript.—Apologizing for troubling him with the letter about Mr. Reading. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 171.*]

July 11. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and
Dover. departure of packet-boats and mails. Passengers from Calais and Nieuport talk of a defeat given the Swedes by the Brandenburgers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 13.*]

July 11. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. The ships from
Portsmouth. the Downs are come to Spithead, viz., the *Norwich*, *Yarmouth*, *Ruby*, and the *Ann and Christopher* and the *Holmes* fireships. They are taking in provisions, and are then to go to Sir John Narbrough. [*Ibid. No. 14.*]

July 11. Warrant for a grant of the office of Sealer to the Great Seal of
Windsor. England to Thomas Barron, the younger, for his life in reversion after James Davies. [*Precedents 1, f. 84.*]

[July ?] Benjamin Barron to the King. Petition for the Rangership of
Whitchott Forest in reversion after Mr. Legge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 15.*]

July 12. Reference thereof to the Lord Treasurer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 38.*]

July 12. Sir J. Barckman Leyenbergh to Williamson. As Lord Oxen-
London. stierna, being made Groom of the Stole to the King of Sweden, is ordered to make all the haste he can for his return, and, as all other passages but that of Gottenberg are dangerous, his request is that you will beg the favour of one of his Majesty's yachts for him and several other Swedish gentlemen, that they might begin their voyage about eight days hence. I spoke to his Majesty about it before his going for Portsmouth, and had for answer that, after his return, he would do it. Therefore I hope your intercession will meet with no difficulty.

We have further news from our army that our loss surpasses not 2,000 men, and that the Brandenburgers have had a great deal the worse, and that ours were ready to take the field. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 16.*]

July 12. J. Stanford to Williamson. The enclosed to his Majesty, the
Lord Chamberlain, Lord Ossory and yourself are from his Most Serene Highness, my master, and are thanks for the unlimited

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civility the Prince of Neuburg received from you all. I beg you will deliver the first and command the address of the others. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 17.*]

July 12.
Worcester.

Dr. T. Lamplugh to Williamson. You may have heard before this how last Friday morning between 9 and 10, it pleased God to put a period to the pains and patience of our good Bishop, who spent the day before in bemoaning himself to his God and sending up pious ejaculations to him. After that he lay speechless for about 12 hours, and then, without any reluctance, quietly resigned his soul and departed in peace, and I doubt not it was welcomed with *Euge, bone serre*. The day after I came hither, he called me to his bedside and asked after his friends at Court, and made frequent mention of his gracious master, and prayed most heartily for him and said "Nothing laid him so low as the consideration that he had not been more serviceable to him," and many other pious expressions concerning him. By his will he gave all his temporals (after payment of debts and funeral expenses) to pious uses, to repair this church, to rebuild the Bishop's house, and to the poor of his diocese, both clergy and laity. He showed kindness to his friends and relatives, but this was done in a deed by itself. This place very much resents his death. The Mayor ordered his funeral knell to be rung in every parish in the town, and all the rest generally express great sorrow for his loss. This day sennight is appointed for the day of his interment, which will be done, according to his own direction, in a modest and decent manner. [*Ibid. No. 18.*]

July 12.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. This week came in a few vessels. The wonderful providence of God has been lately manifested on a young lad of this port, who was disordered in his brain, and some three weeks since got out of his mother's house at 10 at night, and got on board a small boat with one oar, the wind being high and N.W., and was driven out to sea, and some five days after was found 12 leagues off Ram Head by a vessel for Croisic, who carried him in there, and last night he was brought in hither by a vessel from thence. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 19.*]

July 12.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. Giving a fuller account of the lad mentioned in the last, whose name was Hugh Rogers. The master of the vessel that brought him says there was some disturbance in Brittany, but that it was appeased again. [*Ibid. No. 20.*]

July 12.

Warrant from Lord Arlington to Sir Christopher Wren to repair a little room in the Greencloth Yard at Whitehall near Sir George Carteret's for the use of Mrs. Jones, necessary woman to the Queen. [*Ibid. No. 21.*]

July 12.

Caveat on behalf of Sir R. Carr for Mr. Barron that nothing pass concerning the grant of the place of Ranger of Whitehot Forest till notice given to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 12.*]

July 12.
Windsor.

Warrant to Sir John Ottway, Attorney-General of the County Palatine of Lancaster, to enter a *nolle prosequi* on an information

1675. exhibited at the Manchester Quarter Sessions against John Tilsley, clerk, upon the Oxford Act restraining Nonconformists from inhabiting corporations, notwithstanding he has conformed himself to the laws. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 70.*]
- July 13. W. Carr to Williamson. Lady Northumberland, not being personally acquainted with you, has desired me to recommend her business to you, of which you will be informed by the bearer. On my account I know my son is no friend to her family, therefore I must beg you to get him to give a speedy dispatch to her request. *On the back,*
Draft by Williamson of the reference to Sir R. Carr, calendared post, p. 212. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 22.]
- July 13. Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Creyn Van Doren took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]
- July 13. Burton Goodwin to Francis Royley. I was in good hopes to have had my old shop, but, being taken before I came, I have sheltered myself in the Castle, where, being once acquainted, I do not question I shall have as good a trade as if I were in the town, and now I am at a reasonable charge and on the other side at a very great one.
 Here is but a thin Court at present, and I am afraid it will not mend. Here are no more gentry than just what wait on the King. All the rest run out of town. Give my love to Jack Roche. [*Ibid. No. 24.*]
- July 13. Sir John Frederick to Sir John Nicholas. According to the Order in Council, he has held a meeting in Grocers' Hall of all the merchants trading for Spain; most of them subscribed the paper disallowing the allowances for Sir Martin Westcomb, but none the other approving of them. [*Ibid. No. 25.*] *Enclosed,*
 I. *Certificate of approval of the above allowances, as granted 12 July, 1675; with note that all refused to subscribe it. [Ibid. No. 25 i.]*
 II. *Certificate of their desire that no more be paid to Westcomb than 100 ryals per vessel and 50 to the vice-consul, and nothing on his part be imposed on any goods laden on English ships. Numerously signed. [Ibid. No. 25 ii.]*
- July 13. Order by the Committee for Trade on the above case, that a report be prepared, certifying that Sir Martin, in order to keep on good terms with the merchants, will not pretend to any other duty for consulage than the 150 *ryals* per ship for himself and his vice-consul and quits his pretensions to other duties and that he will not force ships to receive a guard till his consulage be paid, nor require other bills of lading than what the master and merchants give in, only he desires security for his 150 *dollars*, and advising a recommendation to the merchants for an increase to his allowance. [*Ibid. No. 26.*]
 Minutes of the above order. [*Ibid. No. 27.*]
- July 13. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arrived *Harwich.* yesterday morning, but the master not staying above three hours

1675. at the Brill, heard not any news, except the general discourse of the defeat of the Swedes. The wind has been for several days and continues about N. and N.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 28.*]
- July 13. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N. To-day, if the wind
Portsmouth. continues, the *Harwich, Yarmouth, Ann and Christopher* and *Holmes*, with two merchant ships bound for Tangier, will sail from Spithead to prosecute their commands. [*Ibid. No. 29.*]
- July 13. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 30.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 30 1.*]
- July 13. Warrant for a *congé d'eliré* to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester
Windsor. to elect a bishop to that see, void by the death of Dr. Walter Blandford, and for a letter recommending Dr. James Fleetwood, chaplain in ordinary to the King, and Provost of King's College, Cambridge, for election. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 71.*]
- July 13. Warrant for the reprieve of William Bonner, prisoner in Newgate,
condemned to death for stealing two horses of small value, this being his first offence, and he drawn in by bad company. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 140.*]
- July 13. Report by Secretary Coventry on the reference to him by Order
Windsor in Council of 25 June last for endeavouring an amicable com-
Castle. position between the Loyal Indigent Officers and the Master of the Revels and Groom Porter. I find the main question is about the Indian Game and Twirling Board, which the officers allege to be a lottery and consequently granted them by their patents, and they also say it was never permitted since their patent but by them. On the other side it is averred by the Groom Porter that it is a new invention and let since his coming into the office, being only a game and no lottery and by the general clauses of his patent belonging to him. I moved a composition and acquainted them with your Majesty's express pleasure for their agreeing, but the Groom Porter thought the right of his place so much concerned, that he would not be persuaded to it, so I refer it to your Majesty's further consideration. [*Precedents 1, f. 88.*]
- July 14. Memorandum that his Majesty, having that day declared in Council that he would not wear any foreign points or laces after his return to Whitehall, likewise ordered that after Michaelmas next none of his subjects wear any such points or laces, and the Lord Chamberlain of the Household is not to permit any of his subjects wearing such points or laces to appear in his Majesty's presence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 31.*]
- July 14. Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Cornelius Lamberts took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid. No. 32.*]
- July 14. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Last Monday the Lord
Chester. Lieutenant of Ireland landed in this river out of the *Norwich*, accompanied by the Earl of Tyrone, Sir John Temple, Sir William

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Talbot, Col. Dillon and divers other persons of quality. He went hence early yesterday morning, and hopes to be at Windsor on Friday or Saturday next at furthest to wait on his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 33.]

July 14.
Hampton
Court.

The King to the Master and Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge. Requiring them to elect Thomas Lynford, M.A., the man of most loyalty, piety and learning among the candidates, to Dr. Carr's fellowship in that college, which is of King Edward's foundation, and is now void. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 183.*]

July 14.
Hampton
Court.

The King to Sir R. Rainsford and Sir [Timothy] Littleton, Justices of Assize for the Northern Circuit. In case Christopher Banistre, Edward Ashton and Joseph Worthington of Lancashire, who are to be tried before them for the killing of Peter Slater, be found guilty, directing them not to give judgment, and on their return to give a full account of the whole matter to the King, that so he may judge how far the said persons are fit objects of his mercy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 15.*]

July 14.
Hampton
Court.

Reference to Sir Robert Carr as to what is of the Duchy of Lancaster of the petition of Elizabeth, Countess of Northumberland, (the part of her suit which relates to lands immediately depending on the Crown having been referred to the Lord Treasurer) for a lease of 99 years without fine of the prefixed particulars, reserving to the lessees in possession the full benefit of their leases and paying his Majesty the reserved yearly rent now payable thereout. Prefixed is the above particular of lands, &c., in the King's disposal, now in lease for about 25 years from 1675 and some in lease for 35 years in the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster, viz. :—

Essex.	Manor of Dedham as set for 21 years to Humphrey Whitegrove, 10 April, 1667	l.	s.	d.
	Radham Park, &c., set for about <i>per annum</i>	31	11	5
		17	5	7
Yorkshire.	In Ripon a marl quarry and several cottages, and	2	11	8
	lands in Whitby and Kellington as set <i>per annum</i>	0	6	8
		85	10	0
	Manors and parks of Tutbury, Castle Hay and Hanbury as set to several tenants for about 40 years to come	16	8	0
	for about <i>per annum</i>	11	15	0
		2	10	0
		2	0	0
		0	13	4
Staffordshire.	Agersly and Hanbury Parks and in Hollfield some lands and liberty to dig plaster, and coal mines in the manor of Newcastle, Ruffhey, Shalton and Hanley with perquisites of Courts in Newcastle, &c.	54	6	0
Lincolnshire.	Marsh lands in Bourne Fens set in 1660 for 31 years at <i>per annum</i>	5	0	0
Kent.	Lands called East and West Broomfields in lease for 31 years from 4 June, 1663	2	0	0

[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 38.*]

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Hampton.
Court. Grant to [Benjamin] Baron of the office of Ranger of Whichwood Forest, in reversion after George Legge. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 72.*]
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Hampton
Court. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland. Warrant for granting discharges of the feu and blench duties of the lands belonging to Colin, Earl of Balcarres, for the crop and year 1674. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 274.*]
- July 14.
Hampton
Court. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Exchequer in Scotland. Warrant for inserting the tax duties of the ward, non-entry, relief and marriage in the blanks of the signature in favour of Sir John Stirling of Keir, which changed the holding of his ward lands into tax ward, according to the retoured duties of his said ward lands. [*Ibid. p. 275.*]
- July 14.
Hampton
Court. Warrants for charters of new infeftment to the following persons of the following lands, &c.:—
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| <p>Sir Charles Ramsay of Balmanie, Baronet, his heirs male and assigns whatsoever.</p> | <p>Lands and barony of Balmanie and half of the town and lands of Pitgarvie and other lands, on the said Sir C. Ramsay's resignation, with a <i>novodamus</i> and an erection thereof into the barony of Balmanie, and with a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward.</p> |
| <p>Sir William Bennett of Grubett, in life rent, and William his eldest son, and the heirs of his body, with remainder to the said Sir William's heirs and assigns.</p> | <p>Lands and barony of Grubett, on Sir William Bennett's resignation, with a <i>novodamus</i> and with a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward.</p> |
| <p>Robert Burnett, brother of Sir Alexander Burnett, of Leyes, deceased, his heirs and assigns whatsoever.</p> | <p>Lands and barony of Glenbervie and the patronage of the Kirk of Glenbervie, on the resignation of Capt. Robert Douglas of Glenbervie, with a <i>novodamus</i>, and with a taxation of the marriage, when it shall happen, to a certain sum to be filled up in the signature by the Commissioners of the Treasury.</p> |
| <p>John Hamilton of Cowbairdie, in life rent, and James his eldest son, and the heirs of his body, with remainder to the said John Hamilton's heirs and assigns whatsoever.</p> | <p>Town and lands of Cowbairdie, on the resignation of the said John and James Hamilton, with a <i>novodamus</i> and an erection of the said lands into the barony of Cowbairdie, and with a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward.</p> |

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Col. James Menzies of Culdaires, with remainder to Archibald, his eldest son, and their respective heirs male and of tailie.

Lands of Coldaires and Tynnafts and Auchairne, on their own resignations, and half the kirklands of the paroch kirk of Dull, comprehending the lands of Carf and other lands, on the resignation of themselves and Thomas Menzies of Carf, with a confirmation of the infeftment of the said Thomas and those of William and Alexander Menzies, his father and uncle, of the said kirklands, and with a *novodamus* and an erection of all the said lands into the barony of Coldairs.

George Clappertoun of Wylliecleugh, his heirs and assigns whatsoever.

Lands and barony of Williecleugh and mains of Williecleugh on the resignation of John Clappertoun, minister at Zara, and others, with a *novodamus* and an erection thereof into the barony of Williecleugh and a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward.

Gilbert, eldest son of Gilbert Neilson of Craiggaffie by Jean Fleeming, deceased, his first spouse, and the heirs male of his body, with remainders over.

Lands and barony of Craiggaffie in Wigtonshire, and lands of Smyrtoun in the Earldom of Carrick, Ayrshire, on the resignation of Gilbert Neilson, the elder, with a reservation of his life rent, and with a *novodamus* and an erection of all the said lands into the barony of Craiggaffie and with a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward.

Thomas Lyall of Easter Gaigy, and Joanna Maria Lindsey, his spouse, and the survivor of them and the heirs male of his body, with remainders over.

Lands and mains of Mickledysert in the barony of Dysert, Forfarshire, on the resignation of Robert Melvill of Dysert, with the consent of William, his eldest son, and Patrick Scot of Rossie, with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward.

Andrew Plumbar of Midlesteid, his heirs and assigns whatsoever.

Lands of Sharplaw and Linhouses and other lands in the parochine of Kuname, Roxburghshire, on the resignation of William Crumbie of Sharplaw, and Barbara Rutherford, his

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David Hunter, younger, of Burneside, his heirs or assigns whatsoever.

William Oliphant of Colcuquhar, with remainder to David his son and the heirs male of his body, with remainders over.

George Gordon, eldest son of Patrick Gordon of Boigs of Darley, his heirs male and assigns whatsoever, with similar gifts in remainder to James and John, his second and third brothers, with remainders over.

John Scott of Syntowne, his heirs and assigns whatsoever.

Hugh Fork, sheriff clerk of Renfrew, his heirs and assigns whatsoever.

spouse, with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to taxt ward.

Town and lands of Auchterforfar as well the sunniehalf as the shadowhalf thereof, with other lands in the parochine of Monyfuith, Forfarshire, with a *novodamus* and an erection thereof into the barony of Auchterforfar, and with a change of the holding from simple ward to taxt ward.

The five halves of the west end of Forgundeny called Chartersland, and two part of the shadowhalf of the oxgate of Pitcaithlie and other lands, with a *novodamus* and an erection thereof into a free barony and with a change of the holding from simple ward to taxt ward.

Town and lands of Boigs of Darley and other lands in the parochine of Auchterless, Aberdeenshire, on the resignation of the said Patrick Gordon, with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to taxt ward.

Lands of North Syntowne in the barony of Dawick, Roxburghshire, with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to taxt ward.

Lands of Leichland and Over-Leichland and other lands in the parochines of Paisley and Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, on the resignation of James Wallace and George Rosse, with a *novodamus*, to be holden of his Majesty and his successors as the same are now become in his hands by virtue of the Act of Surrender made by the Abbots and Lords of erection in favour of his late Majesty in 1638, and with a change of the holding from simple ward to taxt ward.

[*Docquets. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, pp. 276-294.*]

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Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Henry Van Campen took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day, and declared that he intends with all convenient speed to bring over his family to reside in this nation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 34.]

July 15.
Cambridge.

Dr. Lively Moody to [Williamson]. If I write seldom, the only reason is that I understand myself better as well as your great affairs than to be importunate. If I write at all, 'tis but to let you see that the sense of your many favours shall never depart from me. I may be unhappy, but will never be ungrateful. 'Tis some satisfaction to me that our University looks on me as a man not made to serve my own ends but those of the public, were I in some better capacity, and, therefore, were it in their power, I should not stick long at mark, but I have many friends, though not one angel to throw me into the pool but yourself. 'Tis you only that can stir those waters, which when you do, you shall find legs and arms and all I am ready to serve the interests of our Church. [*Ibid.* No. 35.]

July 15.
Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. To-day sailed out of this bay 40 light colliers, the wind E.N.E. A great many laden ships have passed by to the southward all this week. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

July 15.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Several ships laden and light pass by us daily. The wind continues easterly. [*Ibid.* No. 37.]

July 15.
Portsmouth

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. Yesterday morning sailed the *Harwich* and *Yarmouth* and the rest of the ships to be added to Sir John Narborough against the Tripolieses. [*Ibid.* No. 38.]

July 15.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 12th came in a Newcastle vessel in seven days from Amsterdam bound for Bordeaux. The master says there were 16 men-of-war of from 50 to 80 guns ready to put to sea, and that five great ones came out with him as far as Beachy, and that there was a report that the two armies were engaged. The 13th came in the *Constant Mary* in 10 days from Croisic. Off Ushant she met with five Flushing men-of-war of from 24 to 30 guns, which had taken a French man-of-war of 30 guns and another great ship of 3 or 400 tons, laden with timber for the King's use, bound for Brest. The 14th came in the *James* of Penryn in four days from Morlaix, which confirms the news of the rebellion there, and says they are in three armies, 10,000 in an army, and that they have the best in the country to head and encourage them. They have hanged several in the high-ways and have sent to Morlaix that they shall hang all that collect to *gabelle*, or, if they escape, will pull down their houses. The merchants are shipping their goods on vessels to send them down under the castle for security, for they know not how soon they may come there. [*Ibid.* No. 39.]

July 15.
Windsor.

Warrant to Lord Chief Justice North and Vere Bertie, Justices of Assize for the Western Circuit, to forbear to execute the penalty of

1675. the law on James Rew of Ashbrittle, Somerset, if found guilty of a theft, his wife Alice having been as accessory indicted for the same fact and acquitted. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 28, *f.* 188.]
- July 15. *Caveat* that no grant pass of a King's waiter's place in the port of London. With memorandum that this *caveat* was entered at the desire of Sir John Duneombe and Sir John Shaw, and that notice be given to Mr. James Bairbone of Maiden Lane, Covent Garden. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 45, *p.* 12.]
- July 15. Windsor. The King to the Master and Fellows of Christ's College. Granting a dispensation for non-residence to Henry More, D.D., Fellow of the College, who by reason of indisposition of body and for other reasons, cannot be resident so constantly as by the strict rules and statutes he ought to be. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 47, *p.* 11.]
- July 15. Windsor. Warrant for swearing and admitting Henry, Bishop of Oxford, to be Dean of the Chapel Royal, void by the death of Walter, Bishop of Worcester. [*Precedents* 1, *f.* 85.]
- July 15. London. The Earl of Danby to the Prince of Orange. I should not have presumed to trouble your Highness, had not the Lord Ambassador Temple given me confidence to believe you will not be offended at my tendering the humblest of my duty and service and assuring you I should esteem it my greatest happiness, if I could do anything worthy of your consideration. He will be able to inform you at his return not only how earnestly but how affectionately the King desires a perfect kindness and confidence betwixt your Highness and himself, and I know nothing in this world of which I could ever be more ambitious than to be an instrument both in the promoting and preserving of it. I find my Lord Ambassador so perfectly of my mind in all things which tend to your service, that I have desired him to give you a larger account of my readiness to obey any commands wherein your Highness may think me useful. (Recommending the bearer, Col. Fenwick.) [*S.P. Dom.*, *King William's Chest* 1, *No.* 6.]
- July 15. Ham. The Duke of Lauderdale to the Earl of Linlithgow. In compliance with your desire I have acquainted his Majesty with the question touching command lately risen between the major of the Major-General's regiment and the captains of the regiment of Guard commanded by yourself, who does not think it reasonable that any captain of the latter regiment should command the major of the other, but he declares that even the youngest captain of the regiment of Guard shall command any captain of the other regiment. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, *p.* 295.]
- July 16. Stockton. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind westerly. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 372, *No.* 40.]
- July 16. Rye. James Welsh to Williamson. Sending an account of the charge of the shallop sent out by Williamson's orders in May, 1673, to give notice of the enemy's being at sea and to carry packets to the fleet,

1675. of which he had formerly given him notice, had he not been prevented by Williamson's going soon afterwards to Cologne. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 41.*]
- July 16. A. Goodyears to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 42.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 42 1.*]
- July 16. Warrant for inserting Henry Firman, convicted of having forged
Windsor. a Navy ticket, in the next general pardon. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 73.*]
- July 16. Warrant to the Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and the
Windsor. Recorder of London, for inserting in the next general pardon John Ashmore and Richard Short, at the request of John Combes, mercer, of London, who by his petition has stated that he was robbed last February of goods of considerable value, and that Ashmore and Short were convicted as accessories and confessed they sold the goods to Anne Ivery and John Collier, against whom the petitioner can have no remedy at law, unless by the evidence of Ashmore and Short. [*Ibid.*]
- July 16. Declaration that Lady Diana Verney, daughter of William, Earl
Windsor. of Bedford, lately married to William, Lord Alington, Baron of Killard in Ireland, shall enjoy the same place and precedence as is and was due to her as daughter of the said Earl, inasmuch as every daughter of an earl, marrying a peer, has but place and precedence as the wife of that peer except by a particular dispensation, with warrant to James, Earl of Suffolk, Deputy Earl Marshal, to see this order observed, and cause this declaration to be registered in the College of Arms. [*Ibid. p. 79.*]
- July 16. Warrant for a grant to James, Earl of Northampton, of the office
Windsor of Constable of the Tower, to hold during pleasure, fee 100*l. per*
Castle. *annum.* [*Precedents 1, f. 85.*]
- July 16. The King to the Commissioners for licensing Hackney Coaches.
Windsor. Requiring them to continue Henry Spelman, who has for several years behaved well and faithfully as clerk and collector of the coaches' rent, in his said place. [*Ibid. f. 86.*]
- July 16. Recommendation to the Commissioners for licensing Hackney
Coaches of John Crow, coachman to Mr. Savile, for a licence to drive a coach after such as have already obtained letters for such licences. [*Ibid. f. 87.*]
- July 16 Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. Two letters containing
and 20. nothing but shipping news. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, Nos.*
Kinsale. 172, 173.]
- July 17. Silas Taylor to Williamson. By one of our packet-boats which
Harwich. arrived yesterday afternoon we received this account:—That the Dutch are fitting out with all diligence 40 men-of-war for the Sound, that De Ruyter is to command them, and that the ship he

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goes in himself is ready at Helvoetsluys. Withal they report (upse Dutch) that the Prince of Orange is seeking out the French army. Wind N.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 43.*]

July 17.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. The assizes for this county began last Thursday and ended yesterday, the next day. King, the coachman, one of the four supposed robbers of Mr. Matthews, the Exeter carrier, of 770*l.* the day before the last assizes betwixt Dorchester and Blandford, was last Wednesday brought from London in order to his trial, but found not guilty. One Game of Yeovil that struck Mr. Warre, by reason whereof he lay some time ill, and after the striking down robbed him at Babel hill, near Yeovil, was condemned to die, and another for horse stealing, the latter not like to suffer. Whether the former shall escape hanging is a question. The judges went this morning for Exon, where they intend to be to-night. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

Sunday,
July 18.
5. p.m.
Wimbledon.

The Earl of Danby to [Williamson]. I have newly received a letter from Lord Sunderland, directing me by the King's command to let you know it is his pleasure to have a warrant prepared by you as soon as may be for creating the Duchess of Portsmouth's son Duke of Richmond, by the name of Charles Richmond, Duke of Richmond, and to be in every particular as the last patent for Duke of Richmond was, which his lordship says you can procure. If Lord Sunderland's letter had arrived before I left town, I had acquainted you with these commands myself. I shall let his Majesty know what I have done so soon as I reach Windsor, where I intend to be to-night. [*Ibid. No. 45.*]

July 18.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrivals and departures of packet-boats and mails. At 8 this morning arrived a yacht from Dieppe with Sir Thomas Bond's lady. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]

July 18.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. It being Sabbath day I have no list of ships. Last night came in here the *William* of this place from Virginia, most of her men sick. Yesterday the Dutch East India ship which set a new mainmast here, went out of Catwater into the Sound; she waits for a convoy for the East Indies. [*Ibid. No. 47.*]

July 18.
Windsor.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Wells. Desiring that Edwin Sandys, M.A., have the first canon residentiary's place in their church, according to the recommendation of 31 Aug., 1674, although letters have been unwittingly granted since then in favour of another person. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 71.*]

July 18.

Grant of the place of Usher and Crier in the Court of King's Bench to Thomas White in reversion after Nathan Smyth for the lives of John Baggelley, Thomas Bartlet and William Higford and the life of the survivor of them. Minute. [*Precedents 1, f. 88.*]

July 19.
Eden Hall.

Sir Philip Musgrave to [Williamson]. Your favours to me and mine at my last being at London are daily thought on by me. After I had spent almost three weeks in crossing to and fro in my journey on visits to some friends, I came here at last, not altogether

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as well as when I left it, for my many days travel, though most of them shorter than when I came up to London, disordered me more, but every month's addition to my years I expect to be attended with increase of infirmities. On account of his Majesty's service I request you will remind him of his purpose to send my son Christopher's company to Carlisle. There is need of it, and his appearing at the assizes there would be of use to the King and country's concern, which I shall ever regard more than my own, though I suffer for opposing those not so inclined. My son Thomas is now installed a prebend at Durham, and attends your commands only for the resignation of his prebend's place at Carlisle, which I perceive he may hold without any further qualification, if our bishop's delay in making good his word to you shall require it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 48.*]

July 19.
Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. Last Saturday came into this bay, the wind being northerly, about 80 light ships, but in the evening, the wind coming fair, they loosed and stood northwards, and we judge are got to their lading ports. This day several light ships passed by southwards. [*Ibid. No. 49.*]

July 19.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. To-day I received from your office a packet for Sir Jonathan Atkins, Governor of Barbados, dated 8 June. Where the mistake lies I know not, or where it has lain these six weeks. I showed them the superscription at the post office. They made it appear it came but last night. The outside directed to me bore no date or writing, so I know not well who to trouble. There is no Barbados ship in the Downs at present, but we expect one from Gravesend this week by whom I shall send it. Very little wind at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 50.*]

July 19.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. Since my last I have no news but that the Bretons continue their rebellion, as I am informed by a vessel arrived this day from Conquett that they are up in several places, but without any guide. They do much mischief in destroying the gentry. Wind S.W. [*Ibid. No. 51.*]

July 19.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Lord Arundel, who is at present here, commands me to give you his humble service, and he acquainted me with your noble expressions and promises of kindness towards me, for which I humbly return my most hearty thanks. [*Ibid. No. 52.*]

July 19.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 13th came into Helford the *Anthony* of that place from St. Malo, which says that the mutineers are about 10,000 strong about those parts, and that their leaders are all in vizards. They have sent into that place that, unless they kill those that are for the *gabelle*, they will come in upon them. They expect to have the same privileges they had in Queen Anne's time. The Parliament at Rennes is removed to a strong garrison town near St. Malo. The 16th came in the *Rosse* of Helford, which says they met off Ushant the five Flushing men-of-war, who confirm the taking of the French man-of-war and the great ship laden with

1675. timber. They have also taken a French West Indiaman of 16 guns, and have taken and driven ashore a fleet of about 60 small Frenchmen. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 53.*]
- July 19. Thomas Holden to James Hickey. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. the last. [*Ibid. No. 54.*]
- July 19. Warrant for creating Henry, Earl of Euston, Duke of Grafton.
Windsor. Minute. [*Precedents 1, f. 87.*]
- July [19]. Warrant for creating Sir William Ducie of Tortworth, Gloucester-
Windsor. shire, Baron of Clones, and Viscount of Downe, in the kingdom of Ireland. Minute. (The date is originally written July 19, but the 19 was afterwards cancelled.) [*Ibid. f. 88.*]
- July 20. The Earl of Ogle to [Williamson]. My father entreats you to
Welbeck. acquaint his Majesty that within these three years three deputy lieutenants are dead, and none has been made since, and that Sir Edward Nevile of Grove is very fit for that employment, and he humbly desires his Majesty's allowance to make him a deputy lieutenant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 55.*]
- July 20. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind westerly. [*Ibid.*
Stockton. *No. 56.*]
- July 20. Silas Taylor to Robert Yard. I lately wrote several times to Sir
Harwich. Joseph, relating to some particular business of my own, but not hearing from him makes me question whether they ever came to his sight, and to desire your advice how in future, when I have private business not relating to correspondence, I shall address my direction to him. I have also a kind of a jealousy that I am sometimes not kindly used betwixt Whitehall and this, and therefore beg you to let me know where the miscarriage was of that letter of last Saturday, which should have come from Sir Joseph's office, for I received none. Here is no news, westerly winds having, as we suppose, hindered the arrival of our Saturday's packet-boat. The *Sapphire* sailed hence for the River. I presume Sir Joseph is at Windsor, and therefore I must direct my letters of business to him there. [*Ibid. No. 57.*]
- July 20. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. Yesterday the
Portsmouth. *Greyhound* came in here, which is to convoy the two French yachts built here for that King, they being for to go for Newhaven (Havre). [*Ibid. No. 58.*]
- July 20. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosed is the list of ships, as
Plymouth. also a relation which Ryder brings from Morlaix. Wednesday came to Looe a vessel from St. Malo, which had a very short passage. The master reports that there was a great body of peasants in arms nigh St. Malo requiring all they met to join with them. They killed all who refused, saying they would leave no enemies behind them. They sent a message into St. Malo that they should send them out eight persons belonging to the Customs; if they refused, they would

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fetch them out by force. Their leaders are in vizards. They say that the whole province will join with them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 59.*] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [Ibid. No. 59 1.]

Statement by John Ryder, master of the Morlaix Merchant which came from Morlaix 14 July, that about 8,000 countrymen were in arms when he came thence, and that they had sent a letter to the Governor of Morlaix that, if he did not permit them to come into the town quietly and have the bodies of eight persons belonging to the Customs, they would come into the town by force and arms. The train bands are in arms to oppose the peasants, and planted three great guns in the Townhouse, and one gentleman's house, where are 9 great guns planted, and filled up old hogshead butts with earth for their musketeers' safety. One of the French King's officers was hanged to his own door with boots and spurs, burning his house to the ground. 18 July.

Postscript by Lanyon.—The gentleman executed was at his country house. [Ibid. No. 59 11.]

July 20.
Windsor.

Appointment of Richard Lloyd, Doctor of Laws, Advocate General for the office of High Admiral of England and K.C., and Samuel Franklyn, M.A., the King's Procurator General, to sue and prosecute in the High Court of Admiralty, according to the Act of 14 *Car. II.*, entitled, "Directions for the Prosecution of such as are accountable for Prize Goods," all such as are accountable to the Crown for prizes, ships, goods, &c., received by them and still in arrear, Sir Walter Walker, who was formerly appointed thereunto, having since died. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 74.*]

July 21.
Hampton
Court.

Order in Council approving of a draft proclamation by the Attorney-General for the better collecting the revenue from Fire Hearths and Stoves, and ordering that the same be forthwith prepared for his Majesty's signature and be printed and published. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 60.*] *Annexed,*

The said draft. Declaring that the King expects the Farmers and Commissioners faithfully to collect the said duty and not suffer it to be lessened by forbearing to levy it, and strictly requiring all subjects to observe the laws made for establishing and collecting the said duty and to pay the same where by the laws it ought to be paid, and not to affront or molest the officers by any violent or unlawful means on pain of being punished with the utmost severity of the law. (This proclamation is not in the collection of printed proclamations.) [Ibid. No. 60 1.]

July 21.
Euston Hall.

The Earl of Arlington to [Williamson]. I thank you for yours of yesterday, and beg your pardon that I did not more solemnly take my leave of you the day I left London. The country is as much to my content as I could wish, but it has been rendered more comfortable by the news I received this evening of the Duke of Grafton. The extracts of the advices are a great satisfaction, therefore I pray let them be continued, and for the intervals let the little boy be sent with Babington. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]

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July 21.
Sherborne,
Dorset.

Hugh Hodges to [Williamson]. I beg your pardon for the trouble of these lines, being not so well-known to you as I could wish, though you may have some remembrance of me, whilst I was a member of Queen's College, where I was a pupil of Dr. Lampugh. Being last week at the assizes I was informed by the judges of our Western Circuit, Lord Chief Justice North, and Baron Bertie, that a Mr. Parkins, a collector of the hearth-money in these parts, had made an affidavit before them of an abuse that I should offer him, in giving him a box on the ear, and of some other things that I should do, relating to the hindrance of that part of the revenue, and that they believed he intended to lodge a complaint against me at the Council Board. On examination they found that the injury was done me by Mr. Parkins, and on the account they received of me from Lord Digby, Col. Strangeways and several other gentlemen of our county they find me quite another person than Mr. Parkins represented me, and they have promised me on their return from circuit to give the Lord Treasurer a true account of this matter. The truth of the case is this. I, having been informed that he had spoken very basely, unbecomingly, and indeed very scandalously of me, much reflecting on me as a Justice, I civilly sent for him, intending only to have given him a kind admonition for it. But, when he came before me, he carried himself in such manner, that I told him such language and behaviour deserved sureties for his better behaviour. On which he claps on his hat, and cocks it, and requires me to walk out of the room and fight him at the sword's end. I then pulled off his hat and required sureties for his good behaviour, and told him I would give him till next morning to procure them (it being then 9 at night) and committed him to the custody of the constables. Next morning he came to me again, and on his submission and begging excuse for his ill carriage, affirming what he did was in his liquor, I discharged him, and he thanked me for my kindness. Of the truth of this I have no less than four witnesses who were present all the time he was with me. Had it not been out of the respect I had to the collection of the hearth-money, I should not have so easily passed it by, for, as they are to be encouraged in their service, so it will not be taken amiss, if they are checked when they are insolent. My humble request is that, if complaint be made against me, you will be a means that I may not be put to the charge and trouble of a pursuivant, for I will appear at the least notice, and do me what lawful kindness you can, in case they trouble me. The judges on their return will give a true report to the Lord Treasurer, and my friend, Col. Strangeways, had likewise written to him, had he not fallen suddenly ill last Sunday afternoon in some apoplectic fits, whereof he died yesterday afternoon, to whom my readiness to serve his Majesty, even in my encouragement of his officers of Excise and Hearth-money as well as in all things else, was well known. If you command Mr. Brydall to give me a line of the receipt of this, he will readily do it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 62.*]

July 21.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of the packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid. No. 63.*]

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July 21.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. We had news this morning of the death of Col. Giles Strangeways, lately made one of the Privy Council, who died last night at his house at Melbury, and, as we hear, suddenly. We have no other news but of small plunderings made by a Biscayer on a vessel come hither yesterday from France [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 64.]

July 21.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Since I wrote of Col. Strangeways' death the *Hope* of this place came home. The master says he came from St. Martin's Road, Tuesday sennight, where he left the *Portsmouth* frigate bound for Lisbon with a French lady or duchess, who was to come to Rochelle from Paris. Last Friday to the southward of the Fountain Head he met with the French Rear-Admiral and five men-of-war with several convoys. Saturday in Conquet Road he met with the *Deptford* ketch, which had carried home the Duchess of Portsmouth's father and mother, bound for the Downs. He heard of no disturbances at Rochelle or thereabouts. [*Ibid.* No. 65.]

July 21.
Hampton
Court.

The King to Sir Harbottle Grimston, Master of the Rolls. Directing him on the first vacancy of any of the six clerks' places, after William or Anthony Hammond or their nominee be received and admitted into the vacancy of any of the said places according to his letter of 20 Oct. last (calendared in the last volume, p. 380), to admit and receive into the said employment Thomas Tufton, or such other fit person as he, his executors, administrators, or assigns shall nominate. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 42, p. 16.]

July 21.
Hampton
Court.

Creation of the King's natural son, Charles Lenox, to be Baron of Seathrington, Earl of March and Duke of Richmond, co. York, with a further grant of the Castle of Richmond in the said county, with the fee of 20*l.* *per annum* for the support of the dignity of an Earl and of 40*l.* for that of the dignity of a Duke. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 76.]

July 21.
Hampton
Court.

The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland. As recommended in their letter of the 10th instant to the Duke of Lauderdale, authorizing them to grant to the tacksmen of the Customs a defalcation of 7,000*l.* sterling for the first two years, and to take the said tack off their hands for the remaining three years, that, before their parting, the customs and excise may be again put to roup or settled in a commission for collection as they think best, and authorizing them to pay what levy money they think reasonable to the captains of the ten companies levied last year in Scotland. And, whereas the 500*l.* sterling lately advanced by them for buildings and repairs in and about Holyrood House is all exhausted, and there is a necessity for continuing the work before the winter comes on to advance 1,000*l.* more, approving of their former advance and authorizing them to advance the 1,000*l.* sterling as proposed. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 296.]

July 21.
Hampton
Court.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Warrant for readmitting William Carstaires, late lieutenant to the Laird of Touche's company, who had been cashiered on account of a riot, to his

1675. former employment, upon his submission, his acknowledgement of his offence, and his promise not to be guilty of the like crime thereafter. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 297.*]
- July 21. Warrant for a charter to Sir Patrick Ogilvy of Boyne, his heirs
Hampton male and assigns whatsoever, of the lands of Ardinboth, Portsoy and
Court. others in the parochine of Fordyce and barony of Boyne, Banffshire, on the resignation of James, Earl of Findlater, with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 298.*]
- July 21. Warrant for a charter to William Joase of Cullynort, his heirs
Hampton and assigns whatsoever, of the town and lands of Easter and Wester
Court. Cullynnorts and other lands in the parochine and sheriffdom of Banff on the resignation of James, Earl of Findlater, with a *novodamus* and an erection of the said lands into the barony of Cullymoard and with a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 299.*]
- July 21. Warrant for a gift to William Steward, one of the lifeguard
Hampton of horse, his heirs and assigns whatsoever, of the lands of
Court. Bardrochwood and other lands in the parochine of Monygoft and Stewardry of Kirkeudbright, which before pertained to Col. William Steward, deceased, or to his daughter and heir of line, Elizabeth Steward, deceased, and now pertain to his Majesty by reason of recognition. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 300.*]
- July 21. Memorials of protection in the ordinary form to William Gray of
Hampton Haystowne and to his sons William, Michael, and George, and to
Court. Gideon Wilson, periwig maker in Edinburgh, for two years respectively. [*Ibid. pp. 301, 302.*]
- July 22. The Countess of Northumberland to Williamson. Understanding
Sion. by Mr. Thornell that he has delivered his Majesty's command obtained by your favour to Sir R. Carr in my concern, to which he promised to give me answer last Monday, but failed to do so, I now desire your assistance in procuring his speedy dispatch, because the Lord Treasurer will otherwise be gone to the Bath before any end can be put to this business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 66.*]
- July 22. Sir William Temple to [Williamson]. I have just received your
Shene. letter commanding my attendance once more upon his Majesty, which I shall not fail of, God willing, this evening. At my return from Windsor I shall attend your further commands at London. [*Ibid. No. 67.*]
- July 22. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last Tuesday evening arrived one
Harwich. of our packet-boats, bringing many passengers but little news. I saw a letter from Holland giving an account of the rudeness of the Hollanders' army in Spanish territories, and of their want of necessaries. The boors shun their camp, fly and quit their own houses, leaving them destitute of provisions; on the other side the soldiers plunder all they can lay hands on, and the very ornaments of the churches which they pawn to their sutlers. They have received but 40 *stivers* a man since they first marched into the field.

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Then they were accounted about 45,000, horse and foot, but are considerably diminished since by sickness and want. The Spaniards are much disgusted at their outrages, &c. Wind westerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 68.*]

July 22.
Rye.

James Welsh to Williamson. Sending an account of the service of the shallop under the Master's hand, and leaving to his consideration what he thinks fit to allow, which, if he does as formerly, it comes to 6*l*. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]

July 22.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 70.*]

July 22.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 19th came in here the *Sampson* of London in 8 weeks from Barbados, bound for Holland. They came out with but one ship more, bound for Bristol. After they came into the Soundings they were chased by a man-of-war of about 20 guns, which came so near that they made their colours to be Turks, but, they having in their company two more ships that came from Bordeaux of some force, they did not adventure upon them, though they made as if they would, but they still dogged them till they came within Scilly. They left but few ships at Barbados and much goods, which makes freight very dear.

The 21st came in here the *Elizabeth* of this port from Port Louis, which says, after she put out of this harbour about 16 days past for Rochelle, they met the five Flushing men-of-war, which forced them to take on board 100 men they had taken out of the man-of-war they had taken and the timber ship to which she was convoy. After the Frenchmen were on board, instead of going to Rochelle, they forced them to carry them to Port Louis, and so the vessel was forced to take in salt in a small place near it. They say that the Governor of Brittany is in that town, where he fled for security, for fear of the mutineers, which, they say, are reported there to be above 40,000, but not in one body, but they are ready armed on all occasions. They tell the country gentlemen that they suppose they have had no hand in the *gabelle*, that, if they will stay in their houses with their families they will do them no hurt, but, if they offer to go into any garrison town, they will destroy them and their families and burn their houses. They do not lay the blame on the King for breaking their privileges, but lay it on the nobility and gentry of their country, which makes them so severe against them. They say they are willing to give the King a supply, but they will not be brought under slavery as the Normans are, to be compelled to it by breach of their ancient custom to be free of all taxes. They that appear to be their heads are in vizards. They heard that the Dutchmen had taken another French man-of-war of 16 guns. [*Ibid. No. 71.*]

July 22.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the last. [*Ibid. No. 72.*]

July 22.
Windsor.

The King to [the Master and Fellows of] Christ's College, Cambridge. Requiring them to comply with a letter sent two years ago for Thomas Montagu, nearly related to Robert, Earl of Manchester, to have their next vacant fellowship, although it proves to

1675. be Dr. Carr's fellowship, for which he unwittingly granted letters on the 14th instant in favour of Thomas Lynford, M.A. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 184.*]
- July 22. *Caveat* on behalf of Mr. Oudart that nothing pass concerning the grant of Seawood forest, Lancashire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 13.*]
- July 22. Windsor. The King to the Lords Justices of Ireland. Warrant, after reciting that William Prigg and Samuel Hale have represented that they are seised in fee of part of the town of New Stapleton, *alias* Skibbereen, and of lands thereto adjoining, and have besought a grant of two markets weekly and two fairs yearly on the feasts of St. Peter and St. Andrew, for issuing a writ of *Ad quod damnum*, and, if on return of the inquisition taken by virtue thereof it shall appear that such a grant will not be any damage to the Crown or to others or to the neighbouring fairs or markets, for a grant of the fairs and markets desired. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 382.*]
- July 23. Rydal. Daniel Fleming to Williamson. You are so kind to me that many take notice of it, which, as it is much for my honour, so it is for your trouble. The bearer, Lady Crosland, has a petition to his Majesty, and since the death of Sir Jordan, her late husband, her friends are grown so few that she is forced to make her applications to me. What her desires are I know not, but, she being my near kinswoman, I make bold to desire your favour in her behalf. In acting for widows and also widowers, I doubt not you'll engage heaven to be on your side, which to effect is, I think, no ill policy for courtiers as well as countrymen. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 73.*]
- July 23. Stockton. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind easterly. [*Ibid. No. 74.*]
- July 23. Plymouth. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 75.*] *Enclosed, The said list.* [*Ibid. No. 751.*]
- July 23. Windsor. Warrant to Lord Chief Justice North and Vere Bertie, Justices of Assize for the Western Circuit, to forbear to give sentence against Alice, wife of James Rew, of Ashbrittle, Somerset, in case she be found guilty as accessory to a theft, she having been already acquitted of a similar charge. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 138.*]
- July 23. Wallingford House. Report by the Lord Treasurer on the petition of Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, which set forth that 3,719*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* was due to him in the Exchequer registered to be paid in course on the money arising by the sale of fee-farm rents with interest at the rate of 6*l.* *per cent. per annum*, which he prayed to be satisfied by being admitted to the purchase of so many of such rents as might amount to his debt, that by a report dated 10 Oct. last by Mr. Auditor Philips he finds the said principal and interest to the 9th of that month amount to 4,451*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*, that the same debt being of the same nature with the general debt, the payment of which has by his Majesty's directions been postponed, before the writer had the honour to serve in his present station, and considering the present

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condition of the revenue and the great difficulties affairs lie under, in so much that it is not to be hoped that anything can be drawn from the treasure beyond the present application of it to the current expense, he cannot think this a season to consider the payment of any of those debts, till the revenue be in a better posture for it, and further acquainting his Majesty that there is since grown due to the said Sir John on nine quarterly bills till last midsummer 3,655*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, for the satisfaction whereof or of such part thereof as his Majesty shall think fit, on the signification of his Majesty's pleasure the writer will use his endeavours in the best manner the state of the revenue will admit of, either by the purchase of fee-farm rents or such other way as may best suit with the convenience of the service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 41.*] *At the end,*

On the above report, recommendation back to the Lord Treasurer to consider of some fit way for the satisfaction of the latter part of the debt as there stated. 9 Aug. Windsor. [Ibid. p. 43.]

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Notes in Williamson's hand about Ireland. As to Nominees. The Lord Lieutenant proposes:—1. A true estimate to be made of all the lands set them out in any country by the Act and the values respectively. 2. Of what every man now in fact has, that is, the value of it, that it may be known what anyone has since, and either have it taken from them or own it as the King's gift, and secondly, that those that are defective may be made up.

N.B. They all press to have those very lands set out to them by the Act. The difficulty of which is, that several Adventurers are decreed into Nominees' lands, and, though it be decreed with a reserve of the Nominees' right, yet that was to be evicted within a certain time, which now being elapsed, query, if by a trial at law the Nominees can evict the Adventurers, so as to leave the Adventurers to reprizals. Lord Keeper's opinion:—1. That the decrees to Adventurers are indeed conditional, but that condition was but for that time while reprizals could be executed by the Commission directed by the Act. That time being now expired, those decrees are absolutely irrevocable. 2. That of all that remains in the King's hands to the uses of the Act, it is enough that the King disposes them to any one satisfiable by the Acts, though not just that very one and in that order directed by the Act. Who shall question the King?

As to the Nominees. 1. All accounted that all have, 42,000 acres will be wanting in the whole, reckoning that each is to have what he had if less than 2,000 acres, and none to have more than 2,000. 2. They insist to have in specie the very houses and lands set out to them. As to this says the Lord Lieutenant, try a cause in the King's Bench against an Adventurer possessed of such lands, &c.

Some of the Nominees have more than the Act allots them, and yet possibly have not the very houses and lands assigned them by the Act.

42,000 acres are deficient, &c. 44,000 acres are possessed by several particular persons more than their proportions. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 174.*]

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 July 24. James Welsh to Williamson. Informing him that he had
 Rye. ordered the bearer, John Burles, to wait on him to receive such
 moneys as he should allow to the seamen. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.*
 372, *No. 76.*]
- July 24. Warrant for restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of
 Windsor. Lincoln to Thomas, the present Bishop. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book*
 27, *f. 74.*]
- July 24. Warrant for making an instalment to Thomas, Bishop of Lincoln,
 Windsor. of his first fruits, to be paid in 4 years by four equal portions.
 [*Ibid. f. 75.*]
- July 25. Richard Watts to Williamson. Between 1 and 2 this afternoon
 Deal. arrived from East India the *Royal Merchant*, *Lancaster* and *Phœnix*.
 No boat has yet come from them. A topsail gale at S.W. [*S.P.*
Dom., *Car. II.* 372, *No. 77.*]
- July 25. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. These two or three days the wind
 Deal. has been at W. and S.W. and blew very hard, which has brought in
 about 20 or 30 merchantmen. Some are gone up the river and others
 going over for the other side. Last night came in a gentleman
 from France, who affirms that Marshal de Turenne with another
 great person of quality was accidentally killed by a great shot from
 the Imperialist camp, as they were viewing it, and that Marshal de
 Crequi is made general in his room, and M. de Bellefond in the
 room of de Crequi. [*Ibid. No. 78.*]
- July 25. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. The *Reserve* of
 Portsmouth. London from Alepo (? Alesio) with oils stopped here, and the com-
 mander told me that the French with about 100 sail of all sorts of
 shipping were at Messina, and had supplied the place with all
 necessary provisions, which he saw. They met with five Argereenes
 that had surprised a Dutch East India ship of about 7 or 800 tons,
 homeward bound. Two of the men-of-war stood their course for
 Argeere, the rest came up with the *Reserve*, by which the captain
 came to the knowledge of that action, and it seems that two French
 men-of-war off the Western Isles had for some time engaged the
 Dutch West India ship, and could do no good on her, and they,
 meeting the said Argereenes, acquainted them with that ship and
 the course they steered. This happened about 3 weeks past. [*Ibid.*
No. 79.]
- July 26. Sir Christopher Musgrave to Williamson. I came here on
 Moore. Saturday from Worcestershire, where you were daily remembered
 by Col. Sandys, Sir Francis Russell and several other gentlemen.
 Yesterday I sent to Windsor to present my duty to you, but heard
 you had not been there for a fortnight, which gives me appre-
 hensions you are indisposed. Sir Richard presents you with his
 humble service. I shall continue with him till Thursday unless
 you order the contrary. I perceive my father has lately troubled
 you with a letter and is desirous I should be in the country.
 [*Ibid. No. 80.*]

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- July 26. Robert Richbell to Williamson. Recommending his friend,
Southampton. Mr. Adam de Cardonnel, who is going to wait on him with his son, on whose behalf he had formerly some discourse with his Honour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 81.*]
- July 26. Edward Bodham to Williamson. On Saturday arrived here a
Lynn. ship of this town in 10 days from Norway. He tells us of a fleet of 300 Hollanders under good convoy arrived in several ports in that country. Last Friday he met off Humber a Spanish man-of-war of 36 guns, which had retaken from a Frenchman a Hollander of 300 tons, that was light bound for Norway. The Spanish man-of-war, notwithstanding our ship came up and struck, shot at him and caused to pay 6*s.* 8*d.*, but otherwise used him very civilly. To-day are arrived about 10 ships from Norway, two English, the rest Danes. They met on the coast of Norway several French privateers awaiting the coming out of the Hollanders from thence. [*Ibid. No. 82.*]
- July 26. Richard Watts to Williamson. The 19th I acquainted you that I
Deal. received that day the packet for Sir Jonathan Atkins dated 8 June. Not having had a command to return it, I delivered it to-day to Captain Terry of London, bound to Barbados. There are about 40 or 50 outward-bound ships in the Downs, most of them to the Straits.
Last night's list gave you a better account of the three East Indiamen than I could, for my letter was wrote two leagues before they came to anchor. Last night it blew very hard from N.W., but now little wind at N.W. [*Ibid. No. 83.*]
- July 26. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No pilchards have been taken on
Truro. this coast this year, but a vessel from Ireland met with great quantities of them on that coast. [*Ibid. No. 84.*]
- July 26. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Those from
Pendennis. France give us no account of affairs there but that the King is returned to Paris, and that Rochelle was drawing out forces to prevent, if they could, further tumults and outrages in Brittany. [*Ibid. No. 85.*]
- July 26. The King to [the Dean and Chapter of Winchester]. Dr. George
Windsor. Beaumont, prebendary residentiary, has begged a dispensation, on account of his great age and infirmities, from his residence and ecclesiastical duties, which is granted accordingly; and also permission to remove to a milder air, as that where he now lives is, through its sharpness, prejudicial to his health. He is still to be allowed the whole benefits of his prebend, provided he causes his course of preaching to be sufficiently supplied. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 72.*]
- July 26. Grant to the Corporals of the Yeomen of the Guard for the time
Windsor. being of the same fees of honour and homage on all degrees, titles, honours, dignities and homages as were formerly granted by letters patent to the gentlemen ushers daily waiters amongst other of the King's servants. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 77.*]

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- July 26. Proclamation by the Lords Justices and Council. Directing that
The Council Chamber, Dublin. the laws made for keeping the coins of the realm within the same be duly observed, and that no person convey out of the realm any moneys whatever current within it nor any plate, bullion, gold or silver, without the licence of the Lords Justices and Council, except so much as shall be necessary for his reasonable expenses, and charging the searchers and other officers to be vigilant in the execution of the said laws. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 309, p. 417.]
- July 27. Richard Potts to Williamson. The weather has been rainy the
Stockton. last 3 or 4 days. Wind southerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 86.]
- July 27. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arriving
Harwich. to-day brought no news. The wind is westerly and the weather has been for several days stormy and rainy. [*Ibid.* No. 87.]
- July 27. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. The *Cleveland*
Portsmouth. yacht with the *Greyhound* are appointed convoys to the two yachts built here by Sir Anthony Deane for the French King, and they will sail the first opportunity of wind and weather. [*Ibid.* No. 88.]
- July 27. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Sending list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 89.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 891.]
- July 27. The King to the Fellows of Queen's College, Cambridge.
Windsor. Recommending Henry James, B.D., chaplain in ordinary to the King, and Fellow of that college, to be President of the college, void by the death of Dr. William Wells, and requiring them forthwith to call a meeting of the Fellows, and admit him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 185.*]
- July 27. *Caveat* that no grant pass of the Deanery of Rochester without acquainting Sir T. Chicheley, his Majesty having promised it when void to Dr. John Castilian. Cancelled. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 13.*]
- July 27. Notes in Williamson's hand about Ireland. Quit-rents to be reduced in Kerry, &c. Reduced column, &c.—i.e. where lands were barren, there the real number of acres were passed and reckoned as fewer than they were, for example 10 acres shall pass and be reckoned but as 6 or 8, and the column in which these last sums were placed was called the Reduced Column, the other of the true number, the Extreme Column.
- The retrenchment of $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of Adventures &c. by the Act. N.B.—That the retrenchment was appointed not to be of $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the value, but of the acres and lands themselves in specie, so as men chose to keep the $\frac{2}{3}$ ^{ds} which were good, and left the $\frac{1}{3}$ rd out of the worst, &c., which drew great inconveniency with it. That is best, a great many possessors are able to pay their quit-rents, &c.
- Rules of Retrenchment. 1. Only of such and such baronies. 2. None at all of land worth 12*d.* per acre. 3. The reduced column to be taken in reckoning acres. 4. One-half to be taken per acre, &c.
- As to arrears of quit-rents. N.B.—Generally all over Ireland the lands pay one with another, $\frac{1}{3}$ th or $\frac{1}{16}$ th or between $\frac{1}{3}$ th and $\frac{1}{16}$ th of the yearly value, taking all in a lump.
- Civil Survey, i.e. a survey and account at what rents all the lands were set in 1641. This was taken in the settlement of Ireland in order to the laying on.

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The Lord Lieutenant and Council having a power by the Act to moderate quit-rents have resolved in March, '66, to reduce quit-rents to a quarter of the value of the several lands according to the valuations they themselves had before them in the Exchequer upon record, which were made by certain commissioners being members of the Council in order to the year's value, &c. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 175.*]

[July ?] John Bouckel to the King. Petition for a reward for his services, having been employed by Lord Arlington ever since the beginning of the two last wars against the Dutch in Holland, to give constant weekly intelligence of their shipping, which he has done at great risk of his life. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 90.*] *Enclosed,*

Certificate by Jerome Nipho, that Bouckel was employed by Lord Arlington as aforesaid, and that all the time he was at Antwerp on the King's affairs, Bouckel wrote to him weekly, giving notice of all that passed in Holland.—28 July, 1675, London. [Ibid. No. 90 i.]

July 28. Richard Watts to Williamson. This noon arrived the East India
Deal. ship, the *Lancaster*, from the Coast. Not a topsail gale at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 91.*]

July 28. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure
Dover. of packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]

July 28. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Since Col. Strangeways' death the only persons that at present stand to succeed him are
Weymouth. Lord Digby and his brother-in-law, Sir Nathaniel Naper, and it is questioned whether the latter will not in the end desist, and be for my Lord, which time must evidence. Squire Freke, of Shroughton, and Squire Browne, of Frampton, upon whom some men's eyes were on that account, declare against it, so does Squire Harvey, who acts for my Lord. If Mr. Moore of Haychurch would set up, it is supposed he would bid very fair for it, but there is not a word of his intention to meddle in it. We have no news from Brittany, but what Lyme affords us, which I doubt not you have had communicated from thence. [*Ibid. No. 93.*]

July 28. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. In these three days arrived
Lyme. here the *Judith*, *Samuel*, and *Sara* of this place in a week from Croisic. The masters and others say, though quiet there, the disturbances still continue in that province and the seditious more numerous, 40,000 some say, a person of quality amongst them of the house of Rohan. The Duc de Chaulnes, Governor of Brittany, is gone to the castle at Port Louis, the rebellious highly threatening his death, looking on him to be a great instrument of their new burthens and taxes. We are full of discourse of a battle, and Marshal Turenne overthrown. The *Ruth* arriving from Guernsey in two days says that island is well, but the Ostenders and Biscayers take much upon the French. The rising of the common people at Morlaix quieted by the Governor's promising them a grant of their demands. [*Ibid. No. 94.*]

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July 28. Approbation of Sir Edward Neville of Grove, Notts., to be a
Hampton deputy lieutenant of that county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry*
Court. *Book 44, p. 16.*]

July 28. On the petition of Lord Ranelagh and partners praying abate-
Hampton ments for several remittals and overpayments according to the
Court. contract made on their undertaking, reference thereof to the Lord
Keeper, the Lord Treasurer and the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 40.*]

July 28. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. We have received
Hampton your letter of the 15th and seen another of the same date to the
Court. Duke of Lauderdale, giving a full account of the course you have
ordered to be taken in pursuance of our letter of 12 June, where-
with we are very well pleased, not doubting you will take care that
our commands and your orders thereupon be punctually obeyed. As
the Act of Parliament against Conventicles passed 13 Aug., 167[0],
and that against separation of the 20th of that month were
passed only for three years, unless we thought fit to continue them,
and as a subsequent Act of 4 Sept., 1673, continued the said Acts
for three years after the expiring of the first three, and as we find
it necessary the said Acts should be further continued ay and while
we declare our further pleasure thereanent, we authorize and require
you to prorogate them for three years further and to issue a
proclamation for that effect. And, that your good orders may be
put in execution, we authorize and require you to empower a
Committee of the Council to meet frequently in time of vacancy
and to adjourn from time to time in order to take care that none of
your orders be neglected. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3,*
p. 302.]

July 28. Memorials of protection in the ordinary form to David and John
Hampton Somerwell for two years respectively. [*Ibid. p. 304.*]
Court.

July 29. Charles, Lord Gerard of Brandon, to Williamson. Not long since
Chiswick. a murder was committed on Henry Farmer of Knuckling (Knockin),
Salop, by David Owens on an arrest made by him, who is since
fled, and the jury on an indictment have found the bill, so his
estate in lands of the value of 10*l. per annum* is forfeited to his
Majesty. My earnest request is that you will present the enclosed
petition to his Majesty on behalf of the bearer Edward Owens, my
servant, uncle to the person in question and next heir to his estate.
With note by William Chiffinch that he showed the King this
letter, and that he bade him let Williamson know he grants this
petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 95.*]

July 29. Account by the officers spiritual and temporal of the isle, having
Castletown, convened themselves by the direction of Dr. Isaac Barrow, late
Isle of Man. Bishop of the Isle and now of St. Asaph's, to proportion the 100*l.*
per annum, being a donary from his Majesty on the zealous solici-
tations of his Lordship and others for the advance of the small means
of the clergy of the Isle and the schools.

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	£	s.	d.
The sum granted is - - - - -	100	0	0
There is allotted to six petty schools in the most convenient places in the isle accord- ing to the Bishop's direction - - -	18	0	0
So remains - - -	82	0	0

Which is the sum distributed among the clergy of the 14 cures in the isle, the other three, viz., the archdeaconry and two parsonages having already each a competence, and the said 14 to be now of one and the like equal proportion, after consideration of the value of their ancient rates to the nearest computation we could inform ourselves of. (Then follows a schedule giving the names of the 14 parishes, the ancient valuations and the augmentations of each, raising each to the value of 17*l.* apiece.)

With a note showing that the rectory of Kirk Malew is computed to be a far greater sum than the 17*l.* set down, during the life of the present incumbent, and giving the reasons thereof. The names of the six schools allowed 8*l.* apiece are the petty schools at Castletown, Douglas, Ramsey, Kirk Andrew, Kirk Bryde and Ballaugh. Signed by seven persons. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 96.*]

July 29.
Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. Yesterday and to-day above 300 laden ships are passed by to the southward from Newcastle and Sunderland, many of them great vessels. I have nothing more to intimate but what is no news, the frequent meeting of conventiclers. [*Ibid. No. 97.*]

July 29.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. The winds having for some time continued southerly, it's believed that the shipping belonging to the coal trade are, very few excepted, at Newcastle and Sunderland, which are now coming up, about 200 of them being already past this road and come into this haven. Our Nonconformists now meet in public and in as great numbers as when they were indulged, and it is asserted by some that his Majesty intends his Protestant subjects should not herein be disturbed. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]

July 29.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. I have no news, the packet-boat which leaves the Brill on Wednesdays not yet arriving. The letter from your office I expected here last night is again miscarried. [*Ibid. No. 99.*]

July 29.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Yesterday sailed hence the two new yachts built by Sir A. Deane. They had for convoy to New-haven (Havre) the *Greyhound* and the *Cleveland* yacht. [*Ibid. No. 100.*]

July 29.
Windsor.

Secretary Coventry to the Mayor of Bristol. One Domingo de Verdioles, a Spaniard, master of the *Stars of Spain*, has presented a petition to her (*sic*) Majesty complaining that being bound for Ireland and forced by ill weather to put into Bristol he is debarred from selling his commodity, which being perishable is like to turn to his great loss. His Majesty therefore desires you to inquire, and, if he has done nothing contrary to law, and there be no just ground for denying him the liberty of putting off his goods, that you take care

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he be not causelessly disturbed, but may be admitted to trade as other Spanish subjects may do, but, if there appear anything to the contrary you are to give me an account thereof. [*Precedents* 1, f. 89.]

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Notes in Williamson's hand about Ireland. Quit-rents—Lord Dillon's case. N.B. His quit-rents were reduced by the Exchequer from 1,500*l. per annum* to about 700*l.*, &c. Lord Dillon is in possession of lands by decree of the Court of Claims. But Lord Dillon is suspected to enjoy several lands more than were his in 1641.

N.B. It has happened that several persons have been decreed by the Court of Claims to lands that are thereby adjudged to have been theirs in 1641, which indeed afterwards on trials in the Exchequer are judged not to have been theirs in 1641. Since, notwithstanding (?) of such judgment in the Exchequer, it has happened the said persons begged off the quit-rents of whatever estates they were decreed to, so as some of those lands coming to be evicted, some persons were found to have the quit-rents of lands even out of their possession, as Lord Dillon and several others.

N.B. The Lord Lieutenant and Council's valuation is not an exact valuation. It was in order to the reprizal of persons, quality for quality and value for value, and not in order to the true (?) and half the value. The first valuation was general all over England (*sic*) and very gross (?) and uncertain. The second was but of certain lands, *i.e.* according to their value in 1659 in order to the quit-rents, which were to begin in 1660. These supposed exact, at least high enough, but whatever it fell short of 300,000*l.*, the defect was to be supplied by a tax on the whole kingdom. By the second valuation 147*l. per annum* paid but 14*l.* and yet 20,000 acres paid but 40*s.*, &c., so unequal is that survey.

A plowland commonly 1,500 or 2,000 acres. Unprofitable or barren taken so as to be reduced in the quit-rents and set down to be by the Council and Lord Lieutenant, &c., to be such as by the Civil Survey were not worth four times the value of the quit-rents, &c.

N.B. The quit-rents were valued by the farmers at 63,000*l.*, but is entered in the summing up 75,000*l.*

The case of quit-rents is, 1. To moderate and reduce them for the future. 2. To proceed as to the arrears. 1. The two years before the present farm, which are Lord Ranelagh's by his grant. 2. The arrears accrued during the present farm, which is of 7 years and accrues to the farmers.

Lord Clare's quit-rents are now 8 or 900*l. per annum* and in arrear for 9 or 10 years, &c. He would be glad to submit to 400*l.*, if he could get it moderated to that.

30 July.—The Farmers called in as to their arrears of quit-rents.

1. Those upon which any respites were made by the King's order.
2. The rest on which no respite was made.

N.B. 1. The Farmers have a covenant to detain at the end of their farm whatever sums by them pretended to have been advanced &c.; 2, a power to levy all their arrears without saying for how long the power is to be left in their hands, *quod nota*, whereas Lord Ranelagh has but two years in his covenants.

Clancarty, Dillon, &c., persons in arrear to the farmers. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 335, No. 176.]

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- July 30. Lord Hatton to Williamson. Recommending the son of Mr. de Cardonnel of Southampton with whom he has been long acquainted and whose father he has known for many years. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 101.]
- July 30. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 102.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 102 r.]
- July 30. Game warrant to Philip, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, to Windsor. preserve the game within 10 miles of Wilton. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 77.*]
- July 30. Secretary Coventry to S. Pepys. I enclose a clause in a letter of Windsor. Mr. Parry's, that, I think, concerns our navigation much, desiring you to present it to the Lords of the Admiralty, and that they will certify his Majesty what they think should be done in order to justify the captain, whose name I know not, but, if his commission be for that ship, you will easily find it out. He is to blame, if being but a merchantman, he pretends a commission, (which, if any, I conceive, must be some old one), and, if a man-of-war, he is not much less faulty to own lading merchants' goods so publicly. I intend to be in London the beginning of next week. In the meantime neglect no time in knowing the Lords' resolution upon it. [*Precedents 1, f. 90.*]
- July 30. Secretary Coventry to Stephen Lynch, consul at Ostend. Being Windsor. informed by the consul at Ostend that there are several weavers and other handicraftsmen desirous of transporting themselves to England, his Majesty desires you to give orders to the masters of the packet-boats to give passage to such of them as shall bring passes from Mr. Lynch or his Majesty's minister at Brussels, and are desirous to come and inhabit here in England. [*Ibid.*]
- July 30. Warrant for a grant of the office of King's Counsel to Serjeant Windsor. Pemberton. [*Ibid.* f. 91.]
- July 30. Warrant for a grant of the office of Clerk of the Court of Common Windsor. Pleas at Port Royal, Jamaica, to Harbottle Wingfield for his life. [*Ibid.*]
- July 31. Anthony Isaacson to James Hickey. I cannot tell how the market Newcastle. may encourage colliers, but we have cleared this month for the coast above 800 sail. About 300 went out this week, more had gone, but it blows extreme hard to-day, wind W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 103.]
- July 31. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The packet-boat which should have Harwich. left the Brill last Wednesday is not yet arrived, the wind being mostly westerly, and at present blowing a mere fret. The newsletter from your office miscarried again last night. [*Ibid.* No. 104.]
- July 31. His Majesty's instructions to the Archbishop of St. Andrews to Windsor be communicated to the Archbishop of Glasgow and the rest of the Castle. Bishops.
1. You are to signify after your return our satisfaction with your account of their diligence in observing our laws anent the Church and

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particularly with their procedure at their last meeting at St. Andrews in July, 1674, and you are to assure them of our royal countenance, protection and encouragement in the discharge of their offices, and that we shall heartily recommend them to the special care of all our ministers of state for that effect, as they tender the interest of religion, the peace of the Church and kingdom and the establishment of our Government.

2. You are also to signify to them that we are well satisfied with the rules and constitutions for discipline signed by them at that meeting and presented by you to us, and you shall recommend them to take care to have these rules consented to by their presbyters in their diocesan synods or otherwise, as you and the Archbishop of Glasgow with the advice of the other bishops shall judge most convenient, that you may thereafter offer them to us, that our royal assent and authority may be interposed for their being observed in our Church of Scotland.

3. You are to use your utmost endeavours for suppressing Popery and Separation and to recommend to the bishops that in their visitations they take particular notice of Papists and Separatists, that they may be proceeded against as the laws provide, and specially they are to notice those, who without lawful authority presume to keep meetings of ministers or to ordain any to the ministry or to take trial of expectants or licence any to preach, that they be proceeded against to the highest censures of the Church, as we have ordered the Privy Council to punish and censure all such as thus violate order, and endeavour to propagate schism.

4. You are also effectually to recommend to the bishops to take special care that none be permitted to teach in schools or colleges, or to be chaplains in families or tutors or governors to the children of noblemen or gentlemen, but such as they shall find cause to be licentiate according to the Acts of Parliament and Council thereanent provided.

5. You are to intimate our pleasure that the bishops keep their residence within their respective dioceses, excepting such as you and the Archbishop of Glasgow respectively shall dispense with, to be employed in our service or the public affairs of the Church, the names of the non-resident bishops to be delivered to us by the Archbishop of the province that we may signify our pleasure concerning the same, and we authorize the Archbishop of Glasgow to dispense with the Bishop of Argyle's residence in that diocese, he always being obliged to perform the duties of his episcopal office therein, and to allow him to continue in the office of parson of Glasgow, as he did before he was promoted to the bishopric, for which he is also warranted to receive the emoluments belonging to the said parsonage till further order.

6. They are to take order for maintaining the poor of each parish according to the laws and former practice, and for that end they are carefully to call for the mortifications and dotations made to hospitals or for other pious uses for the relief of the poor in their diocese, and see they be not embezzled but employed according to the intentions of the benefactors and the foundations of the hospitals and are to represent what they find amiss to us by the Archbishop of the province.

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7. Whereas Archibald Turner, John Robertson, Andrew Cant, late minister in Edinburgh, and John Hamilton, late minister in Leith, are removed from their ministry for their undutiful demeanour towards their bishop and their mutinous and insolent petitioning for a National Synod, and have made several applications to be restored, declaring their unfeigned grief for their offence, we remit them to you and the Archbishop of Glasgow and the Bishop of Edinburgh that, on their repentance and acknowledgement of their offence and engagement for their future dutiful behaviour signified by you to us, they may be employed and settled in the exercise of the ministry where you shall find convenient, and that you require the other bishops carefully to notice and condignly to censure all presbyters who behave contemptuously or undutifully to their ordinaries, and who shall either in their sermons or prayers or other discourses reflect on our laws and public proceedings, or shall in Church meetings or elsewhere attempt anything relating to the general concerns of the whole National Church, by petitioning or otherwise, without the consent of their ordinaries.

8. For preserving the revenues of the bishoprics entire, all the bishops are required to give in true and just rentals of their sees with the superiorities of lands and patronages of churches and the commissariots that belong to them to the Archbishop of the province, who is required to insert the said rentals into his arch-episcopal registers.

9. Having granted the revenue of the Bishopric of the Isles for some bygone years to the use of St. Leonard's College, and having notice that those to whom the care of uplifting the same was committed have yet done nothing effectually, we authorize you to commission such persons as you shall judge fit to uplift the same, they finding sufficient security that it may be employed according to our meaning expressed in the gift.

10. It is our pleasure that, when there shall be occasion for public fasting and humiliation in any diocese, on the desire of the bishop or bishops to their respective metropolitans, the Archbishop finding cause shall represent the same to the Privy Council, who are to interpose our royal authority for setting apart such a day as the Archbishop shall propose, and to command the observation of the same.

11. Howbeit bishops do not censure ministers without the advice and consent of presbyters as is by law provided, yet being informed that of late some irregular motions have been made in synods and elsewhere, derogating from the authority of the bishops, and acclaiming a right and power in presbyters which is not allowed by law, particularly that at the late synod of Edinburgh some presbyters questioned and dissented from the proceedings of the Bishop in censuring some factious ministers, which was done according to law and approved by us: You are to signify to the Bishop of Edinburgh our pleasure that he proceed to censure the leaders in these dangerous motions with suspension for such a time as he shall judge necessary, and, in case they persist in owning or abetting these divisive and scandalous motions, to depose them from the ministry. You are also to intimate to the other bishops our pleasure that they carefully advert to such undutiful presbyters and censure accordingly the makers and abettors of such factious motions. [4½ pages. *S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 304.*]

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The King to the two Archbishops and some of the Bishops of Scotland. Whereas the Privy Council transmitted to us a petition of August, 1674, from James, Bishop of Dunblane, without offering anything to our consideration of his case, which is of ecclesiastical cognition, which we did not think fit to answer or to have its contents examined here, and the said Bishop having come to London presented another petition to us 16 June, that he may be allowed to clear himself as to the things informed against him, and in the meantime may be restored to the exercise of his episcopal function in the diocese of Dunblane, from which we had by our letter of 16 July, 1674, commanded his translation to that of the Isles, and consequently forbidden his residence in any part of the diocese of Glasgow or meddling in the affairs of the Church except in the diocese of the Isles, unless he be thereunto orderly called, and seeing he thus insists that he may be allowed to clear himself as to any offence charged on him in our letter of 16 July, 1674, to the Archbishop of St. Andrews, taking notice of the factious deportment of some of the clergy in the motion and contrivances for a national synod without the consent of their ordinaries, and being resolved that this business be not taken into consideration here, but that the examination of the case and carriage of the said Bishop be referred to competent persons trusted with the government of that Church, we by virtue of our supremacy over all persons and over all causes ecclesiastical give commission and authority to the Archbishops of St. Andrews, and the Bishops of Edinburgh, Galloway, Aberdeen, Caithness, Brechin and Argyle, or any five of them, one of the Archbishops being always of the *quorum*, to cite before them the said Bishop at their first meeting to be held in Edinburgh in September, and to examine his case as represented in his petition, and his abetting that dangerous and divisive motion for a national synod, against the consent of his superiors and the bishops of that Church, with power also to examine his carriage at the meeting of the Bishops at St. Andrews in July, 1674, and the secession he made from it, which gave great scandal and offence, and likewise how he has since behaved injuriously towards his metropolitan, the Archbishop of St. Andrews, by traducing him on several occasions, and lately by an abusive insolent letter of 7 June to him, endeavouring to bespatter his reputation and the dignity of his office, and, having heard the Bishop as to all these particulars and after examination thereof, for which, if necessary, they are also empowered to examine witnesses and take informations, we require them to report to us before 1 Dec. next. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 309.*]

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Warrant for a new gift of 500*l.* sterling *per annum* to be employed at the appointment of the Archbishops of St. Andrews and Glasgow for defraying the necessary charges which his Majesty's service in the matter of the Church may require and for payment of the fees of the procurators, solicitors and others who are or may be employed for the affairs of the Church, a former gift above ten years ago of the like sum for similar purposes having for eight years past been rendered wholly useless as to the purposes therein expressed. [*Ibid. p. 311.*]

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Warrant for a discharge to the Archbishop of St. Andrews of the arrears of the proportion of the taxation granted by the Convention of Estates in 1667 for the archbishopric of St. Andrews, being about 3,100 *merks*, Scots money. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 314.*]

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Warrants for gifts of the office of chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty in Scotland to James Nairne, minister at the Weemes, and Dr. Andrew Bruce, Archdeacon of St. Andrews, respectively, fee 20*l.* sterling *per annum*. [*The second is a docquet. Ibid. pp. 314, 316.*]

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Warrant for a grant to the Magistrates and Council of St. Andrews for 7 years of authority to raise 4*d.* Scots for every pint of ale and beer brewed and sold and 2*s.* Scots for every pint of wine, aqua vitæ or strong waters sold within the said city, because the said city is under great debts on the occasion of their great losses and sufferings in the time of the late unhappy troubles, whereby they were necessitated to borrow a considerable sum still due out of the box and stock of the poor of that city, and also because the pier and harbour there have been much damnified by several great storms, so that the recovery of their trade so much already decayed thereby cannot be expected, till the same be repaired, the proceeds to be employed first in repayment of the said debt and next in repairing the pier and cleansing the harbour. [*Ibid. p. 316.*]

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Warrant for a letter not only confirming his former gift of the office of Sheriff principal of Ross-shire, to Kenneth, Earl of Seaforth, but also granting the said office to the said Earl for his life and after his decease to his eldest son Kenneth, Lord Mackenzie of Kintail, for his life. [*Ibid. p. 319.*]

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Warrant for a discharge in favour of Kenneth, Earl of Seaforth, of the feu duty of the Lewis, extending to 3,000 *merks* yearly, not only of all years preceding 1660, for which 1,000*l.* sterling was paid by him to the Earl of Crawford, but also of all years as yet not compted for till 1674 inclusive. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 321.*]

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Castle.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Warrant for admitting John, Lord Elphingstone and Sir Andrew Ramsey of Abbotshall, into the Privy Council in the ordinary manner. [*Ibid. p. 322.*]

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Dublin.

Susanna Durham to Williamson. I have received your letter and render hearty thanks for your willingness to help my husband. It is impossible to benefit by first finding out the employment here and then giving you notice thereof, for it is no sooner vacant but supplied. Therefore my humble request is, that, if convenient, you would procure his Majesty's letter for the first company that falls here to my husband with such advantageous words therein as you shall think fit (several having letters to this effect) and that you would effectually recommend him to the Lord Lieutenant who is now at Court and who knows him. He professes a great deal of friendship to my husband and often promises some employment, but many others attending, who make stronger interests with the secretaries, makes my husband fare the worse, though his Excellency

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and Lord Justice Forbes have great kindness for him. I am persuaded your word will be very significant to his Excellency and Secretary Harbord in his behalf. I wholly rely on you and my kinsman, Sir John Nicholas, to get my husband provided for. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 385, No. 177.*]

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A. Brett to Williamson. In heroic lines begging his aid, without which he is undone. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 105.*]

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John Gold and John Jolliffe, merchants, to the King. Petition, showing that his Majesty has been often informed of the great decay of the English trade in the dominions of the Emperor of Russia, occasioned principally by his taking away the English privileges and banishing all the English from Moscow, and confining them to that non-habitable port of Archangel, and that, he having made profession of great friendship to his Majesty, there is now an opportunity in some measure to renew a trade and settlement in those dominions, the contract for caviare to the quantity of 400 butts being shortly to expire, and, if his Majesty pleases by his letter to that Emperor to mediate that it may be renewed to the English, it might give occasion in part to revive the English settlement and trade there, and give employment to two great ships yearly to transport the said caviare from thence to the Straits, and praying letters to the Emperor of Russia that on the renewing of the contract the petitioners may be treated with in the first place. [*Ibid. No. 106.*] *Annexed,*

Draft of the proposed letter from the King to the Emperor of Russia, requesting him to let the King's subjects have the refusal of the farm of caviare. [*Ibid. No. 106 l.*]

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John Jolliffe to Williamson. I waited on you last week with a petition with some directions for drawing the Moscow letter, at least the sense of what was fit to be inserted. I hoped before this to have seen you at the Exchange, as you intimated, but, not seeing you there, I waited on you to-day to give account how near departing the ships were, which are the only fitting convenience for the letter or the person that carries it, who are by charter party obliged to depart from Gravesend by Saturday or Monday at farthest, so that now, if you have not blanks, or a certainty of his Majesty's coming to town to-morrow or Friday, it would be necessary to send expressly to-night, the charge whereof I will willingly consider. The bearer, Mr. Lenten, whom we employ to treat about this affair, can give you an account of anything necessary. [*Ibid. No. 107.*]

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Specimens of penmanship in different styles in English, French and Latin addressed to Williamson by Peter de Cardonnel, aged 17. (*See ante, pp. 230, 236.*) [*Ibid. No. 108.*]

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Creation of Charles, Earl of Southampton, to be Baron of Newbury, Earl of Chichester, and Duke of Southampton. Minute. [*Precedents 1, p. 88.*]

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Notes in Williamson's hand. Ireland.—Nominees were 54. Each of them claim yet 2,000 acres a piece, which are detained from them by Adventurers and Soldiers, &c. They propose 4 expedients—That they who are possessed of their lands : 1. Reprisals out of lands in the King's hands. 2. Out of

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concealed lands, and they to have letters patents, &c., for what they can discover. 3. Moderation of rents upon *custodiams* granted them, to bring them to quit-rents, &c. Query, what these rents amount to? by that means to know what this will cost the King.

Flanders Trade.—2 per cent. convoy (?) $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Huysgelt. 5 per cent by Charles V.

Composition Trade.—This year more dobeting (?) in the Custom House than ever, *i.e.* there have this year been greater quantities of foreign goods to be transported out again than ever, &c., *i.e.* our navigation is infinitely grown, &c. Shipping from Gottenberg, Stockholm, &c., where never any English shipping navigated. Now none but English shipping comes.

300,000*l.* freight yearly paid to foreigners till this last war; now we get half as much.

Ostend.—Ships manned (?) this day only with briefs in hopes of some good trade, &c., *i.e.* their navigation sank wholly.

Our Composition trade set up at Dover, 1632, &c., gave rise to the Dutch trade in clothing, &c., *i.e.* by the means of our Composition trade Spanish wool was not landed here, but was conveyed to Holland directly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 21.*]

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Deal.

Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

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109	July 1	0	2	0	N.	
110	" 2	0	0	0	N.W.	
111	" 3	0	4	7	S.E.	
112	" 4	0	4	3	S.W.	
113	" 5	7	10	1	S.W.	
114	" 6	5	5	2	N.E.	
115	" 7	5	3	0	N.E.	
116	" 9	1	1	2	N.E.	
117	" 11	0	1	0	E.	
118	" 12	0	1	0	N.E.	
119	" 13	0	2	0	S.W.	
120	" 14	0	4	0	S.W.	
121	" 15	0	4	0	N.E.	
122	" 16	0	3	0	S.E.	
123	" 17	1	5	1	N.W.	
124	" 18	0	5	1	S.W.	
125	" 19	1	4	1	S.W.	
126	" 20	3	4	2	S.W.	
127	" 21	3	6	3	S.W.	
128	" 22	3	6	4	S.W.	
129	" 23	4	8	7	S.W.	
130	" 24	4	8	5	S.W.	
131	" 25	4	9	7	N.W.	
132	" 26	4	4	3	N.W.	
133	" 27	4	7	1	W.	
134	" 28	4	11	2	W.	
135	" 29	4	11	1	S.W.	
136	" 30	5	5	0	S.	

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 Aug. 1. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Repeating what he had stated in former letters about the packet received 19 July.—Yesterday I received two packets from you and delivered them both to Capt. Terry, being also for Sir Jonathan Atkins, and only he bound thither and wind-bound here about three weeks.
 The common report is that the day M. Turenne was killed the Confederate army engaged the French and next day did the like and gained a great conquest over them, but this comes from Holland, but these 14 days I have not had a letter or *Gazette* from Whitehall; the blame, I am certain, is not in our post-office.
 I know, though I write to Mr. Secretary Williamson, such things come not to his view. I beseech that he who has the perusal hereof would answer Mr. Secretary's favour to me, that I may not be troublesome to him himself.
 Little wind at S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 137.*]
- Aug. 1. Dover. John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid. No. 138.*]
- Aug. 1. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 139.*]
- [Aug?] John Stokes to the Right Worshipful Mr. Mayor. On account of his great weakness and present necessity entreating him to pay him or grant him an order for the 13s. 4d. which he promised to pay him for Capt. Layfield. *At the foot,*
Order by Jo. Barker and William Palmer to Mr. Basnet to pay Stokes 13s. 4d. [*Ibid. No. 140.*]
- Aug. 2. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. To-day the 11 Swedes which have been so long in the Downs went for London. Rainy weather. Little wind at W. [*Ibid. No. 141.*]
- Aug. 2. Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Our pilchard men are in great hopes of a good year of fishing at last, there being a greater show of them now on this coast, and in several places small quantities taken. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 142.*]
- Aug. 2. Pendennis. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Wind W.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 143.*]
- Aug. 2. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 30th came in here the *Elizabeth* of Dover for the Terceiras with several other small vessels for Ireland and Wales, and also the *Five Rings* of Middelburg in three weeks from the Terceiras, laden with wines homeward-bound. She has been out of Holland these six months trading there from island to island, so that she is very foul and has several leaks, so that the men were almost tired out to keep her clear, and were forced to run her aground as soon as she came in. It is said they intend to sell her here, if not, she must stay here some time to clean and mend her leaks. She met no ships at sea nor can she speak of any Turks men-of-war about those islands, but all things there have been and are very peaceable.
 Last week in several places in this country have been taken about 1,000 hogsheads of pilchards, which are the first quantity taken for this year, and there is good likelihood of more being taken next spring-tide. [*Ibid. No. 144.*]

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Aug. 2. Windsor. The King to the Vice-Provost and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge. Nominating Thomas Page, a principal member of their society, and loyal and well deserving, for the office of their provost, likely to become void by the promotion of Dr. James Fleetwood to the bishopric of Worcester, and requiring them to choose the said Page and to present him for admission to the Bishop of Lincoln, their Visitor, immediately after the determination of Dr. Fleetwood's interest, adding that he will give orders for conferring upon him a doctor's degree *in utroque jure*, for the better qualifying him hereunto. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 185A.*]
- [Aug. ?] The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of the University of Cambridge. Directing them to admit Thomas Page, on whom he has conferred the Provostship of King's immediately after the determination of Dr. Fleetwood's interest, to the degree of LL.D. [*Ibid. f. 186.*]
- Aug. 2. Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to the Clerk of the Signet. By Lord Rochester's desire, desiring that no pardon pass to John Crockson for killing a bailiff, till notice be given him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 13.*]
- Aug. 3. Stockton. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind westerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 145.*]
- Aug. 3. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Several days about the end of last week passed by this for the Thames a great laden fleet. We judged them most colliers. Last Sunday towards evening arrived one of our packet-boats with several passengers, but they coming away early last Thursday brought little fresh news. They have in the Dutch *Gazette* the death of Marshal Turenne, but with it they talk of little less than the total rout of the French army by the Imperial.
- The weather has been very bad for several days, the wind betwixt N. and W. It is said it has done much hurt to fruit and corn. To-day is calmer. Wind westerly. [*Ibid. No. 196.*]
- Aug. 3. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 147.*]
- Aug. 3. Plymouth. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 148.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 148 I.*]
- Aug. 3. Windsor. The King to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, to be communicated to the Senate. Directing that the degree of M.D. be conferred on Thomas Novell of Little Eastcheap, practitioner in physic, formerly a member of Jesus College and resident there for several years, and publicly licensed by the University to practise, who, labouring under a great imperfection of speech, cannot perform the exercises required by the statutes for that degree, and that of B.D. on John Ardrey, a member of the University, in whose favour the like instance has been made. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 12.*]
- Aug. 4. Hampton Court. Order in Council on the petition of John Underdowne, which showed that about three months ago a vessel was cast away on the

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Goodwin Sands, wherein were some bags of wool, which being seized and condemned for his Majesty's use, part thereof was bought by the petitioner, who sold them again to some Dutchmen on condition of delivering them on shipboard which the petitioner did, but, the vessel being seized by a French caper, the Dutchmen refused to pay for the wool, threatening to ruin him and take his life, and prayed a pardon for transporting the wool, that a pardon be prepared to the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 149.]

Aug. 4.
Hampton
Court.

Order in Council on the petition of Simon Francia of London, merchant, which set forth that last September were laden on the *Mary* of Dover seven bales of goods, which were consigned to Dover and thence to Bordeaux on the petitioner's account, that the said ship was carried into Ostend by a privateer, where the petitioner has made his claim according to law, but that he can receive no fruit thereby, because Diego Deza, advocate fiscal of the Admiralty Court there and principal owner of the said privateer, is now in England, on pretence of making out some colour for detaining the said ship and goods, and which prayed for relief, forasmuch as the said goods *bona fide* belong to the petitioner and are in the actual possession of the said Deza, who by law, as the petitioner is advised, is liable to make satisfaction for the same; referring the petitioner's case to Sir L. Jenkins, who is to report thereon with all convenient speed. [*Ibid.* No. 150.]

Aug. 4.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday afternoon arrived in the Downs four Dutch men-of-war, and two of their East India ships outward bound, forced in by contrary winds.

'Tis confidently reported that the Confederates of Brittany have to head them one Malotto, formerly Lieut.-General to the Prince of Condé, and Col. Ludlow, and the latter heads rebels in England. 'Tis also strongly reported that they have taken Brest. Little wind at S.W. At least 60 outward-bound ships in the Downs. [*Ibid.* No. 151.]

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Deal.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of packet-boats and mails. There is a report by one from Dunkirk that yesterday a very great force of Dutch and Spaniards was within two miles of Calais, and 'tis feared that place will be besieged. The truth we expect by the packet-boats, which are not yet arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 152.]

Aug. 4.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 1st arrived the *Jane* of this place in 24 hours from Morlaix. That place keeps a very good guard to keep out the insurgents on any approach they may make, and expects some force from the King to quell those disorders, but they are not so numerous nor formidable as has been reported, nor are headed by any considerable persons. There is no Dutch fleet on the French coast.

Since the death of Col. Strangeways last Monday fortnight the parties intending to stand for knight of the shire to succeed him are already getting voices. They are said to be Lord Digby, Mr. Fulford, Mr. Harvey, and Mr. More. Sir John Strode espouses the interest of the first, and the Earl of Shaftesbury that of the last, who is the greatest upholder of illegal meetings of any in this county. [*Ibid.* No. 153.]

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Aug. 4. Warrant to Sir Edward Griffin to pay 20*l.* to the gentlemen of
Hampton the Chapel Royal in lieu of 3 deer granted to them by custom yearly.
Court. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 196.*]
- Aug. 4. Warrant to the Recorder of London to insert Margaret Eager,
Hampton convicted at the gaol delivery for Surrey for felony, but reprieved
Court. in order to transportation, into the next Circuit Pardon, she
bearing a good character in the parish where she has always lived,
and this being her first offence. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry
Book 28, f. 140.*]
- Aug. 4. Warrant for a privy seal granting to the Duke of Monmouth the
Hampton King's half of certain forfeitures reserved to him by the charter
Court. of 3 April, 1661, to the East India Company, whereof no part has
yet been answered to the King. [*Precedents 1, f. 92.*]
- Aug. 4. Warrant for a grant of a yearly pension of 50*l.* sterling under the
Hampton Privy Seal of Scotland to Gilbert Browne, sometime of Bagby, during
Court. his life. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 325.*]
- Aug. 5. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Several ships pass daily southwards.
Bridlington. Wind E.N.E. With note at foot to Mr. Ball requesting him to convey
to Capt. Thornton at the Paper Office a letter directed to him by
Aslaby. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 154.*]
- Aug. 5. Richard Watts to Williamson. The Dutch men-of-war and East
Deal. India ships, which I informed you in my last were forced into the
Downs by contrary winds, are now ready to sail, the wind coming
suddenly to the north-east. Most of the others are sailing, in all
about 50. [*Ibid. No. 155.*]
- Aug. 5. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 156.]
- Aug. 5. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind westerly. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 157.]
- Aug. 5. Warrant for payment to Bernard Grenville, Groom of the Bed-
Windsor. chamber, who is being sent as Envoy Extraordinary to the Duchess
of Savoy, of 500*l.* out of a Privy Seal dormant for 10,000*l.* [*S.P.
Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 196.*]
- Aug. 5. Royal assent to the election of Dr. James Fleetwood to be Bishop
Windsor. of Worcester. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 73.*]
- Aug. 5. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of Theodorus
Whitehall. Lattenhower, M.D., a Hollander, for a patent for certain engines
for raising water in greater quantity, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book
46, p. 43.*]
- Aug. 6. The Earl of Bedford to Williamson. Expressing his most hearty
Woburn thanks for the very exact account received from him that week by
Abbey. the post of all the several passages that have fallen out of late
between the Imperial army and the French. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.
372, No. 158.*]
- Aug. 6. A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 159.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 159 i.*]

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Aug. 6. Windsor. The King to the Bailiffs and Common Council of Ludlow. Approving of the election of Sir Job Charleton, Chief Justice of Chester, to be Recorder of Ludlow in the place of Sir Timothy Littleton, a Baron of the Exchequer, resigned. [*Precedents* 1, f. 92.]
- Aug. 6. Kinsale. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. The *Mary* of Youghal came in here yesterday from Rochelle laden with salt, and a small vessel of Jersey to lade leather. The seamen that murdered the Dutchmen off the coast of France were hanged to-day at Cork. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 335, No. 178.]
- Aug. 7. Bridlington. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Yesterday anchored in this bay 12 light colliers, the wind being N., and to-day they are loosed and stood northward, the wind being E.S.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 160.]
- Aug. 7. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. At noon yesterday arrived one of our packet-boats. They bring no news, except some Dutch flams, that two English regiments in the French service have deserted it. The newsletter from your office miscarried last night again. I believe the failure is not there, but would be found elsewhere if searched into. The wind has been for several days mostly southerly. [*Ibid.* No. 161.]
- Aug. 7. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Lark* anchored in St. Helens Road on Thursday and sailed on Friday for Tangier. The *Pearl* is at Spithead, having been cruising in the Channel, and after taking some few stores wanted will proceed on the same design. Sir Anthony Deane will sail to-day on the *Cleveland* for Havre. [*Ibid.* No. 162.]
- Aug. 7. Plymouth. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. I have no list of ships. A vessel from Morlaix reports that at his coming away last week there was a report that four men declared to the peasants in arms, that, if they would lay them down, they should have a general pardon and should pay no more taxes, which they complained of, and that on this declaration the peasants laid down their arms. [*Ibid.* No. 163.]
- Aug. 7. Windsor Castle. The King to the Lord Provost, Bailies and Town Council of Edinburgh. After reciting the letters of 24 Sept. and 16 Feb. last (calendared in the last volume, p. 367 and p. 591), whereby a stop was put to the election of magistrates for Edinburgh and the existing ones were continued in their places, removing the foresaid stop on the election of magistrates, and commanding them the day after the sight thereof to convene the whole Council and to elect out of the lists already made the Lord Provost, Bailies, Dean of Guild and Treasurer, who are to hold office till the next election to be at the ordinary time mentioned in their set, viz., the next Tuesday after Michaelmas. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 323.]
- Aug. 7. Windsor Castle. The King to the Archbishop of St. Andrews and Glasgow or either of them. Warrant for taking off the confinements of Archibald Turner, John Robertson, Andrew Cant, late ministers at Edinburgh, and John Hamilton, late minister at Leith, who were formerly

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removed from their ministry in those places and confined to several other places for their undutiful behaviour towards their bishop, and their mutinous petitioning for a national synod without the consent of their ordinary, and for granting them liberty to repair to Edinburgh or elsewhere, where they may wait on the Archbishops and the Bishop of Edinburgh in order to their giving such satisfaction and making such due acknowledgements as are mentioned in the King's late instructions. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 324.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that Sir Philip Percivale, by the petition of his guardian, Katherine, Lady Percivale, had represented that his grandfather, Sir Philip Percivale, was long before the rebellion quietly seised of several towns and lands therein mentioned in co. Cork, which he held by way of mortgage, and paid for the same upwards of 8,000*l.* sterling, that the said lands were never seized nor sequestered, but, as soon as the fury of the rebellion was over, the petitioner's father, Sir John Percivale, entered into quiet possession thereof, that by a clause in the Act of Settlement passed several years afterwards the right of redemption of all mortgages was vested in the Crown in trust for the '49 officers, that the petitioner had the pre-emption of the said right adjudged to him by the Commissioners of Claims and paid for the same but 150*l.*, it being found by them on a valuation that the said towns and lands did not, nor would they on a 21 years' lease, yield near the interest of the original money, yet that by some extensive words of the Act of Settlement all this ancient estate is subject to a new quit-rent of near 90*l.* a year, as if the petitioner had enjoyed it as an Adventurer or Soldier, and therefore prayed a discharge of the same, and that only such a moderate quit-rent might be reserved as might bear proportion to the 150*l.* paid as aforesaid, and a reference thereof to the Committee for Irish Affairs, and that it appearing that the only advantage the petitioner had by the said Act consisted in the pre-emption of his mortgages that were not then worth more than 150*l.*, in consideration thereof and of the good services of the petitioner's grandfather and father to the Crown, authorizing and requiring him to cause letters patent to be passed remitting to the petitioner and his heirs the said new quit-rent of 90*l.* except the sum of 10*l.* a year and no more, unless the said lands paid any rents to the Crown before the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, which rents together with what they stand charged with to any other person are to be excepted out of this grant, with a proviso that the said new quit-rent of 90*l.* *per annum* or thereabouts and the arrears thereof be paid into the Exchequer till Christmas next without any abatement. [*Over 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 388.*]

Aug. 8
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of packet-boats and mails. Some passengers on the packet-boats from Calais and Nieuport which arrived Friday afternoon report there has been an engagement lately between the French and Germans but say nothing of which had the best. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 164.*]

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Windsor. Pardon to Capt. George Brimicane, sentenced to death by the Court of King's Bench, Jamaica, for murder. (Calendared in *S.P. Col. America &c.*, 1675-76, p. 268.) [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 28, f. 141.]
- [Aug. ?] William Walcot to the King. Petition for a patent for 14 years of his invention of making not only water corrupted fit for use, but also the sea water fresh, clear and wholesome in large quantities. *At the side,*
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Windsor. *Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor General. On the back,*
Report of Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, in favour of granting the patent. 28 August. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 165.]
Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book*, 46, p. 43.]
- Aug. 9.
Wallingford House. Charles Bertie to Williamson. The King lately bestowed on the bearer, Mr. Moore, a reversion on the four waiters in the port of Bristol, and accordingly he passed his patent but by mistake has named one Messenger in it, who, though it did not then appear, has surrendered to one Seward. It is evident his Majesty and the Lord Treasurer designed him the full benefit of it, which he cannot enjoy unless the alteration be made in the bill in the King's presence, which favour I request on his behalf. [*Ibid. No. 166.*] *Annexed, Note that in the bill James Seward is to be inserted in the room of Robert Messenger. [Ibid. No. 166 i.]*
- Aug. 9.
Aswerby. Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. I am afraid the old proverb should prove true, out of sight, &c., for, since the discarding of my kinsman, I neither hear from you nor of you. It has caused a great scarcity of news in these parts. To-day Sir John Newton and I dined with Mr. Justice Ellis, when you were heartily remembered. On Saturday night Hartop and Walden came hither to advise about making up the breaches, for the post before I came hither my mother had sent down to lock up all her goods, supposing to lay me, as I intended to lay them with drinking your health, in the straw. [*Ibid. No. 167.*]
- Aug. 9.
Rose Castle. Edward, Bishop of Carlisle, to Williamson. I expected to have seen Mr. Ardrey in my way, staying at Appleby part of three days, or that he would have come hither, or at least have written before this, that I might have known how he thinks to proceed about the prebend, and I wonder that he who used to be very solicitous formerly should not stir in his own concern now. I suppose you acquainted him with what was concluded. I am ready when called on to do my part. Mr. Archdeacon indeed gave me a visit here since I came, but seemed desirous to hold his prebend here for some time. I owe so great respect to that family that I shall be unwilling to deny any of their just desires. But in this I suppose you have gained his resignation or a promise of his cession; when that is declared to me, I shall willingly perform my promise, and value myself the more for having any opportunity to serve a person so well deserving of the Church and of this diocese as yourself. I was obliged to the

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bearer of the letter (of which I told you) from the D[uke] of M[onmouth] to give him notice before I should confer any prebend, which though I have done, I think to his satisfaction, having told him of a resignation, yet it may be best to dispatch this business to prevent further application. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 168.*]

Aug. 9.
Aldeburgh.

Ralph Rabett to Williamson. No news. [*Ibid. No. 169.*]

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Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 170.*]

Aug. 9.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last week came in two or three small vessels. (News of the capture of a French prize as in the next.) The Dutch vessel from the Terceiras and that from Surinam continue here, expecting a convoy. [*Ibid. No. 171.*]

Aug. 9.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 6th came in here the *Fox*, a small Ostend caper of 3 guns. Five or six days before they and another small caper being consorts spied a French ship off Ushant, but the other being cleaner and a better sailer got up first with her, and found her to be a foul ship and fired three guns into her, and a volley of small shot. The Frenchman answered with five guns and killed two of the caper's men and hurt three or four more. At last they made her to be a ship from the Bank with fish. She had 5 guns and 22 men. This made the caper adventure again, and so they fired in all their guns and boarded her with all his men, and carried her, having killed 7 of the French and hurt 5 or 6 more. This caper could not come up with her, but he has put some of his men on board, as well as the other, and they thought she would put in here, but she did not, so they suppose she is gone home. This one has taken two small prizes and sent them home. She has washed and tallowed here and put to sea again to-day. [*Ibid. No. 172.*]

Aug. 10.
Windsor.

Secretary Coventry to Williamson. His Majesty received the account you sent him from the Lord Mayor of the 9th, and at the same time what Lord Craven and Sir John Robinson sent me. On the whole he approves of all they had done hitherto, but will give no order till he hears further from those Lords of the Council there, nor does he by any thing yet passed conceive it necessary to send any more guards. If this should again break out, he would have the Lords of the Council meet and give such directions as the present affair may require, and timely notice here if any considerable accident shall arrive. You will acquaint the Lord Keeper, the Lord Privy Seal and the rest of the Council with this. [*Ibid. No. 173.*]

Aug. 10.
Oxford.

Adrian Scroope to Williamson. My Lord of Lincoln promises me what lies in his power and advises me to make what other friends I can. To you therefore I make my addresses. There are two Fellowships of All Souls now vacant, which will not be disposed of till almost Michaelmas. I am very ambitious of being a member of that society, and know not how to accomplish my designs, unless through your intercession with his Majesty and the Archbishop of

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Canterbury for their letter to the Warden, and that soon, lest others make friends to them before, for these places go, not by merit but by favour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 174.]

Aug. 10.
Trinity
House.

The Master, Wardens, &c., of the Trinity House to [the Committee for Trade.] They have considered Sir John Clayton's proposals for 5 lighthouses with an inclination to promote them if desirable, but find they will be not only useless but prejudicial, and think his reply drawn up by hands little conversant with such matters. However, they have, according to the order of the said Committee of 12 Dec., 1674, considered the papers transmitted therewith, and frequently heard what Sir John has to offer and have transmitted his proposals to the several Trinity Houses of England, who all disapprove, and the fact that the whole scheme is based on papers to be printed to direct seamen in the use of these lights shows that a new navigation is to be instituted for the benefit of the lights and not the lights calculated for the benefit of navigation. *Noted*, as read to the Committee for Trade 4 Aug., 1676. [*Ibid.* No. 175.] *Annexed*,

i. *Further observations by the same on the several lighthouses projected by Sir John Clayton at Flamborough Head, Cromer or Foutness (Foulness !), St. Nicholas Gatt, and Fern Island.* [*Ibid.* No. 175 i.]

ii. *The Masters, &c., of the Trinity House, Deptford Strand, to the several Trinity Houses of England. Requiring them to deliver freely and impartially their opinion on Sir John Clayton's proposals for erecting four lights on the north coast of England, and the answers to some objections against them.* 1 Feb., 1675. *Copy.* [*Ibid.* No. 175 ii.]

iii. *The Trinity House, Dover, to the Trinity House, Deptford. They think the said lights would be unuseful and dangerous, because ships might be lost by mistaking the lights.* 10 Feb., 1675, Dover. *Copy.* [*Ibid.* No. 175 iii.]

iv. *The Trinity House, Newcastle, to the same. They think the lights altogether unnecessary, and that they would discourage the coal trade by lying so heary on it.* 8 Feb., 1675. *Copy.* [*Ibid.* No. 175 iv.]

v. *The Trinity House, Kingston on Hull, to the same. They think all lovers of navigation will oppose Sir John Clayton's endeavours for lighthouses; they would discourage shipbuilders and merchants by lessening their profits; they will be hurtful and not useful unless directed by printed papers which cannot be infallible, and they would tend to the injury of navigation.* 18 Feb., 1675. *Copy.* [*Ibid.* No. 175 v.]

Aug. 10.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. The only news is the good and pleasant harvest weather. Wind westerly. [*Ibid.* No. 176.]

Aug. 10.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat has arrived since my last, so we have no news. [*Ibid.* No. 177.]

Aug. 10.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. About the 7th I told you that we heard two days together the great guns playing, which was thought to be some fight in Flanders, but a vessel from Ostend arrived in the Downs yesterday told us that the cause of them was that the Dutch fleet of war with the merchantmen bound for the Straits saluted

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Ostend, and the return of thanks and next day's rejoicing for the victory the confederate army obtained against the French, which, they report, was to the loss of 15,000 by the French. Wind S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 178.*]

Aug. 10. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.W. Yesterday sailed the *Cleveland* yacht for Havre with Sir Anthony Deane and Mr. Hewers, who will be there this forenoon as the wind has been. [*Ibid. No. 179.*]

Aug. 10. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. The masters of those from Brittany report that there were in a body 30,000 peasants in arms with cannon, well disciplined and armed, besides several other bodies, and that the Governor of Brittany had secured himself in Port Louis. A ship of London for Virginia arrived here this evening. [*Ibid. No. 180.*] *Enclosed, The said list.* [*Ibid. No. 180 i.*]

Aug. 10. *Caveat* that no approbation pass for any new Recorder of Abingdon without notice to Thomas Holt, the present Recorder, at Reading. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 13.*]

Aug. 10. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Francis Windsor. Clarke of London for payment of 938*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* due to him for half-subsidy and Argier duty for foreign goods exported, &c., since the King's return, interest, principal and solicitation put together. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 40.*]

Aug. 10. Pardon to John Underdowne for transporting wool, with Windsor. restitution of lands and goods. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 77.*]

Aug. 10. Secretary Coventry to the Lord Mayor of London. I have Windsor. acquainted his Majesty with your letter of the 9th, who is very well satisfied with your care and fidelity in suppressing so unreasonable a riot, and desires you to continue both. We hope here the heat of it is over, and you will have all assistance from Lord Craven as likewise from the militia, and, if necessary, you may likewise apply to the Lord Keeper, the Lord Privy Seal and Secretary Williamson, who will call a Council and advise of any further orders needful, and, on notice to his Majesty, he will take all courses proper for the evil, if it shall increase, but he supposes that continuing what you have done will show those people their folly. In the meantime I cannot but repeat how much he is pleased with your discretion and care hitherto in this affair. [*Precedents 1, f. 93.*]

Aug. 10. R. M. to Sir Francis Radcliffe. I hope mine of the 2nd came safe to you. We are since filled with reports from foreign parts. Every day offers variety of occurrences. The newest thing is the defeat of M. de Créqui. He advanced with about 12,000 horse, foot and dragoons to raise the siege of Treves. On his advance the Duke of Lorraine with the Lünenburg troops drew out, and engaged the French, who were totally routed after a very bloody engagement for some hours, their cannon and baggage taken and de Créqui slain. Here is also confirmation of the death of Turenne and his

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army with more circumstances, which some will not believe, though they are filled with great consternation, admitting that they believe that Turenne's army is spoiled, &c. It's said the French in the engagement lost at least 10,000 or 12,000 men, above 50 principal officers, their general and lieut.-general slain, their major-general a prisoner, several standards and many colours, baggage and great part of their artillery taken, besides what they blew up at their decamping. The full issue is not yet known. Brittaneers increase by these losses. Some begin to talk as if the Prince de Condé would [?seize] Brittany and set up for himself. The Fr[ench King is much] amused at these things; the death of [Turenne made him] almost out of his wits; he [threw] himself upon his bed and was in great astonishment, and some here are greatly perplexed, if not distressed.

The weavers of London seem to be encouraged also against the French, for to-day a great company of them fell upon the French weavers, broke all their materials, and defaced several of their houses, and greatly disturbed the City and Governors, who were all up to appease the matter, but it's done. I like not the beginning, I dread the issue of such attempts. May our Governors be wise and encourage our natives more than foreigners. Some new honours are lately conferred, the French Madam's son made Duke of Richmond and Lenox, Cleveland's, Duke of Grafton. I wish you may take true measures of things, which have a quite other face, than some few days since. Some begin to be very confident of their interest, and, for ought is seen, not without ground. Things will be sudden and many will be surprised, that look not to their watch. The bridegroom will find many without the wedding garment. You apprehend me. He that would have favour from the King must make the King's favourites his friends or his cause will have ill success. I dare not without your leave speak my mind, which is more for your sake than mine, for I fear ne'er a Frenchman in the world. We are above them, and they will tumble under our feet, maugre all vain confidence.

The Germans are still in pursuit of the French. The Governor of Treves also is killed, who, going on a high wall to view, it fell down and buried him in the rubbish, so he himself was lost before the town. [*Torn. Admiralty, Greenwich Hospital 1, No. 4.*]

Wednesday,
Aug. 11.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Yesterday arrived the *Elizabeth* from St. Malo and the *Mary Anne* from Morlaix, which places are very quiet, but in other parts of the province the disturbances continue and they threaten the gentry to burn their houses and other mischiefs to their persons, if they take not their parts. The latter met Ostend privateers both out and home, but they did him no damage though laden with horses when outward bound.

This morning arrived the *Joan* from Croisic and the *Concord* from Barbados. We hear by the first that several of the Blue Caps, for so the mutineers are known, were brought to Port Louis, where the Duc de Chaulnes, Governor of Brittany, is, but it is supposed no execution will be done on them till the meeting of the States at Dinham (? Dinant) the 25th prox., where the King intends to be also, if the great losses he has lately had in his armies hinder not. By the latter from Barbados in 6 weeks we hear that they had

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just then discovered a design of the native negroes and other slaves of an intended massacre of their commanders, owners, &c., which had been carried on with greater secrecy and cunning than ever any in that kind, even to the time of the intended execution. Good plenty of sugar there, but few ships. Five sail of London intended to sail in a week after. Those that rose up and killed their commander, Capt. Swanly, were executed before their coming away after a trial at the assizes. The *Joan* last Monday met with two Dutch men-of-war and three fire-ships sailing southwards, 6 leagues off the Start. Their design they would not discover. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 181.]

Aug. 11.
Windsor.

Dispensation to Gabriel Quadring, M.A., Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, to depart the realm and travel beyond seas so long as shall be permitted by the statutes of the college, without prejudice to his fellowship or otherwise. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, p. 187.*]

Aug. 11.

Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley for delivering 100 barrels of powder for the use of Jamaica, the vessel in which a supply was lately sent having been wrecked. (Calendared in *S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1675-6, p. 269.) [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 132.*]

Aug. 11.
Past 2 p.m.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Lord Mayor. I was ever of your opinion that this matter was not handled as it ought. I am going to the Lord Keeper and the Lord Privy Seal to Kensington to bring them to town with me to be at the Council Chamber at 5. We shall desire to know how things stand from your Lordship. At the same time I give notice of this to Sir J. Robinson. I find it spreads extremely, not only as to place, but as to matter of the disorder. They talk of falling upon other trades, in which they pretend grievances. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 46.*]

Aug. 11.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir John Robinson. To the same effect as the last, and desiring him to let the Lords of the Council hear from him what passes, and, when he has read the enclosed, to speed it away by a careful messenger to Sir W. Hickes. [*Ibid. p. 57.*]
Enclosed,

Wednesday,
Aug. 11.
Near 3 p.m.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir W. Hickes. The disorder that has been on foot these two days among the weavers is spreading itself towards your parts. I hope you will take early care to suppress it, as it shall attempt to break out within your jurisdiction, by seizing half-a-dozen of the ringleaders, with the best proofs you can get of their acting in it. The Lords of the Council will be in the King's absence attending generally here in town, to whom you will therefore give from time to time an account of how this matter moves. [Ibid.]

Aug. 11.
9 p.m.
The Council
Chamber,
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. Having received yours of last night about 11 this morning, and finding by all accounts that the disorder of the weavers grew hourly greater, as you will see by the enclosed, I presumed to warn a meeting of the Council for 5 this evening, and sent notice to the Lord Mayor and Sir J. Robinson to give the Council an account of what had passed, and in what state the matter is. Accordingly they attended, and it appeared plainly that hitherto there has not been that vigorous

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care and activity in the civil magistrates, nor even in the militia of the Hamlets and Southwark that there ought to have been. I hope they have been so well scowled (*sic*) for their negligence by the Lord Keeper, that we shall find the effects of it to-morrow. In the meantime the Lords have thought it but necessary to issue a proclamation for dissipating these riotous assemblies, which is now printing, to be published to-morrow morning early. The Duke of Monmouth being here, I hope things will be a little better ordered than hitherto. There is a party sent particularly to Stratford near Bow, where we are told the rioters are got together to the number of 2,000. The thing is in itself, as far as we can see, but a foolish thing, without any design or foundation more than the interest these common weavers have to suppress, if they could, the use of this engine. But it is unluckily spread into so many parts, that it looks scandalously to the government that it is not suppressed. The Council have appointed to sit again to-morrow morning, after which you shall know what has passed since this. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book 48, p. 48.*]

Aug. 11. *Caveat* on behalf of Col. Vernon, the Duke of Ormonde, H. Seymour and others, that no grant pass of the manor or demesnes of Tutbury, Castlehay Park, and others, co. Stafford, till notice be given to Sir J. Williamson. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 18.*]

Aug. 11. Proclamation for the immediate dispersion of the riotous assemblies of weavers in and about London, under pain of their being proceeded against as traitors. [*S.P. Dom., Proclamations 3, p. 357.*]

Aug. 11. The King to the Lords Justices of Ireland. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy to Robert Reading in terms similar to that of 12 June, calendared *ante*, p. 162, but omitting the remainder to his daughter and her issue. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 388; and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 21, p. 170.*]

Aug. 12. William Webb and Bartholomew Fillingham to Col. John Lamplugh of Lamplugh. As an arrear is still due from him on his whole account for the 18 months' assessment, which should have been paid and the account passed long since, desiring him to take some speedy care therein, for it cannot be much longer retarded without prejudice to himself. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 872, No. 182.*]

Aug. 12. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Upwards of 60 light colliers are now at anchor in this bay, and yesterday passed by southward betwixt 30 and 40 laden ones. Wind N.N.E. [*Ibid. No. 183.*]

Aug. 12. Silas Taylor to Williamson. This morning one of the packet-boats came in, and we are told of a fight, wherein they say the French had the worst, which I believe was that of M. Créqui's. Two Brandenburg men-of-war are at the Brill. The master tells me the sea is very full of capers. The wind has been lately most westerly. At present it is N.W. Before I had sealed this, came this enclosed and the *Gazette* which I here present. [*Ibid. No. 184.*]

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Aug. 12.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. Last Tuesday anchored between this and the Isle of Wight two Dutch privateers, one formerly the *Merlin* galley taken from us, the other a small frigate. They had been nine months cruising in the West Indies, and had much wealth aboard in goods and money and refused to sell anything. After taking in some fresh provisions they sailed for Holland the same night, fearing that, if it were noised abroad that they were arrived, French men-of-war would look out for them. The commanders reported that they had been at Jamaica, and all things were in a good condition there. They had taken four French prizes, sunk and burned three, and preserved the fourth to bring the men home. That ship they lost in a storm. Some of their own and some Frenchmen were on board. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 185.*]

Aug. 12.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. I have received none of yours this fortnight, the occasion I know not, having continued my correspondence. Wind W. [*Ibid. No. 186.*]

Aug. 12.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news, some of it the same as in the next. One from St. Malo arrived this morning tells us the French king has 6,000 men on their march for Brittany, where the discontented party are very numerous but in no body. Their prejudice is altogether against the *maltotiers*, as they call them. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 187.*]

Aug. 12.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 10th came in here two Dutch men-of-war, the *Zerick Zee* of 26 and the *Brownfish* of 8 guns, come to convoy a vessel from Surinam that has lain here about two months. It is about 8 days since they came out. They report that six men-of-war came out after them, having under their convoy two East Indiamen and several other merchantmen bound for the Straits, and they believe they may be at this time about the Lizard. The men-of-war and merchantman are put to sea to-day, wind W.N.W.

Yesterday came in two French merchantmen from Martinico, St. Christopher's, &c., both of Havre, homeward-bound. It is about six weeks since they came from thence. They had for convoy a French man-of-war of 60 guns, which kept them company till six days before they came in here. They lost her in foul weather, but they all concluded that, if they should be separated, they should make for this harbour, where they were to stop till they should all come together, so they expect her here every hour. [*Ibid. No. 188.*]

Aug. 12.
Windsor.

For the corroboration of the title of Dr. John Bradford, chaplain in ordinary to the King, to the rectory of Sefton, Lancashire, warrant for the presentation of him to the said rectory. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 73.*]

Aug. 12.
11 p.m.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. Last night I gave you an account of what had then passed in the matter of the disorder, and by an express of this morning you will have received from the Duke of Monmouth the accounts given of the last night's passages by the parties sent out. Since that, things have continued very quiet, save that even here in Westminster a rabble of near a hundred got

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together, and burnt one of those engines. Five or six of the actors in it were met with by some of the Guards and upon examination stand committed by the Council. Though the thing appears to have been first begun perfectly out of malice to that engine, and the way of working by it, yet the remissness of all sorts of inferior officers has been everywhere so infinitely great, that, had not the Council took it up as they did, nobody knows where the disorder might have ended. Indeed it's a shame to see the negligence and folly of some, in whose care the matter more particularly was. We have appointed to meet again to-morrow morning, as well to enquire more thoroughly into the miscarriages past, as to prevent the further spreading of the ill for the future. I enclose a printed copy of the proclamation which has been this day published in the City, and in Middlesex, Essex, Surrey and Kent, that is, upon the places in those several liberties where the disorders have been committed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 49.*]

Aug. 13.
Near Mid-
night.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the King. I have taken leave to give your Majesty an account these last three days through Secretary Coventry of that part of our business here which is particularly incumbent on me, without presuming to trouble your Majesty with it yourself, and leaving your Majesty to the Duke of Monmouth's letters for what relates to that part of it. This whole day things have been very quiet everywhere, as far as we can hear, save that one information told us one knot of the weavers had got down to Greenwich in search of a frame or two there. Your Majesty will see in the enclosed extract the heads of what has passed of any moment at the Council.

The Dutch letters are arrived, but without anything material. Those of Flanders may be here to-morrow, though the wind be westerly. That from Gand is from the B[aron] de V[ic] feigned as if written to Don Pedro Ronquillo, which is a way of address we agreed on as one of the safest against all accidents on the other side. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 189.*] *Enclosed,*

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The Council
Chamber.
Whitehall.

Proceedings of the Council for suppressing the tumults of the Weavers. 11th. A proclamation ordered for the suppression of riots. Orders to the Duke of Monmouth and the Earls of Northampton and Craven to have the forces in readiness to march about and disperse the tumult and, in case of resistance, to proceed with them as enemies to his Majesty and the Government. Order to the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen to march with their train bands and militia into the Hamlets, Southwark and elsewhere, for the suppression of this tumult and seizing the offenders.

Major Thomas Beckford and [Richard] Humphryes, a sergeant in Sir Thomas Byde's company belonging to the militia of the Hamlets, were sent for in custody of a messenger, for refusing to assist in the suppression of the rabble.

12th. Forenoon. The said major and sergeant were committed to the Gatehouse for forbearing to assist the civil magistrate and refusing to obey the directions sent by the sheriffs for appeasing the tumult.

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12th. Afternoon. John Hunt, Nehemiah Pope and — Hooper, weavers in Cabbage Lane, Westminster, sent for in custody of a messenger for being present at the burning of Pemberton's loom, and in a riotous manner disturbing the peace, and Hunt and Pope were committed to the Gatehouse.

Isaac Dandy and seven others sent for in custody for being of the number of the tumultuous rabble.

John Mason, a weaver, sent for in custody for encouraging the rabble in Swan Fields to persist in their tumultuous actings to the disturbance of his Majesty's peace and government.

Peter Collins, sent for in custody for encouraging the rabble in their tumultuous actings, committed to Newgate.

William Empson, a weaver in St. Anne's Lane, Westminster, sent for in custody for being one of the rioters and encouraging the rabble in their tumultuous proceedings. George Knight, his serrant, in custody with him.

Captain Cusdell, a captain of the militia, living at Hogsden, sent for in custody for refusing to appease the rabble, when they broke down William Crouch's house in a tumultuous manner.

John Curtis, a soldier, for inviting some weavers to burn an engine, brought in custody, examined, and committed to the Guard.

Also James Belloon and five others, seized by the Guards, brought and examined and to be discharged as their masters were taken.

Letter to the Recorder to appear at 9 to-morrow with the Justices of Middlesex and the Constables of the several wards where the tumults were made.

Order to send Sir J. Robinson the narrative of Sheriff Herne and the extract of the depositions against him for countenancing the weavers in their proceedings and to attend with his answer at 9 to-morrow.

13th. The Recorder with the Justices of London and Westminster appearing were sharply admonished for their remissness and commanded to observe several directions touching the suppression of the disorder, seizing the offenders, sending all examinations to Mr. Attorney for the better preparing a commission of Oyer and Terminer for their speedy trial, and that each of them send to the Board an account of all that has happened in their precincts from the beginning.

The like order sent to Sir W. Boreman on his advice that great disturbance had been given by the like rabble at Greenwich, to disperse the proclamations and intimate the directions given to the deputy lieutenants and justices thereabouts where the mischief was likeliest to spread.

Capt. Cusdell of Hogsden sent to the Gatehouse for neglect of his duty. His ensign and sergeant sent for, for letting one of the rabble committed to them escape.

Hooker, Empson and Knight brought in custody, and examined and dismissed till further order.

Cannon and Layton ordered to be taken into custody for words touching the framing a declaration, and other words of adhering to Sir John Robinson.

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John Mason, a weaver and Fifth Monarchy man, brought in custody for some desperate words to be further proved against him to-morrow.

Captain Holden ordered to apprehend one of his soldiers who owned to have had his share of 10l. for abetting this tumult.

The Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen attend, representing all was quiet, but are roundly admonished to greater care and circumspection.

Sir J. Robinson attended, but praying time till to-morrow to make his defence, the Lords, after some serious debate touching his behaviour in this matter, granted him his desires herein, and as he is allowed to bring his witnesses with him, so Sir Nathaniel Herne, the sheriff, and such others as have testified against him are summoned at the same time to attend. 2½ pages. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 189 I.]

Aug. 13.
Windsor.

Warrant for swearing Gervas Price to be Gentleman of the Bows in reversion after Lodowick Carlile, who is very dangerously sick without hope of recovery, Price having by the King's special appointment performed the duty of Gentleman of the Bows with constant diligence and attendance, but without any benefit, for above 20 years past, and having long been promised the said office when it should become void. [*Precedents* 1, f. 94.]

Aug. 13.
Windsor.

Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I am your debtor for two of the 11th and 12th. The latter I received this morning. I hope the prudence of the Council will continue as successful as it has begun. I cannot but lament with you the reflections that will arise to the Government that a fantastical humour amongst one particular sort of workmen in London should continue a riot three days together without arms and the military power at last obliged to assist, whilst I had thought the ordinary guards of the City, if well intentioned, might have prevented the rising, at least the continuing of an insurrection so irrationally grounded and so unpolitely designed. You will find by mine to the Lord Keeper the King's opinion as to the punishment of the offenders, viz., that it ought to be legal, quick and severe, at least to some of them, for, if they find safety when suppressed, what will they not hope when victorious? and what greater encouragement can there be to rebellion, than to have all the hopes imaginable if they thrive, and all the security in the world if they miscarry? I shall be very glad that your work this day may give you a true light into the reasons of the rising on their side, and the neglect of ours. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 190.*]

Aug. 13.
Plymouth.

A. Goodyear to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 191.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 191 I.]

Aug. 14.
London

Sir J. Barckman Leyenbergh to [Williamson]. The Commissioners [of the Customs] answered this morning that it was not in their power to grant us the freedom to unload a part of the salt of the Swedish ships to be transported by others without the King's order. I have hereupon resolved to send an express to my Lord Ambassador that he may endeavour to get his Majesty's order for

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your Honour to direct them, which I hope to receive to-morrow, so that you may grant us your letter to the Commissioners Monday morning. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 192.*]

Aug. 14.
Windsor.

H. Thynne to [Williamson]. Immediately on my arrival I acquainted Mr. Secretary with the commands you intrusted me with this morning and, as warmly as I could, represented Sir John Robinson's innocent intentions in this late unhappy affair, though I could not find much to say in excuse of his folly. I likewise laid before him the great inconveniences as to the public that would attend his total removal from his lieutenancy, all which Mr. Secretary immediately represented to his Majesty, who seems to be very far from the thoughts of removing him, and by what can yet be conjectured will not easily be prevailed with to do it. The bills you sent Mr. Secretary to get the King's hand to are not yet signed, he not having any opportunity of presenting them, but to-morrow he doubts not to get them with several others of his own signed and sent to your office. [*Ibid. No. 193.*]

Aug. 14.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. About noon to-day arrived one of our packet-boats from the Brill. They bring strange news, if true, viz., that the French have quitted Maestricht, and by a letter I saw that the Prince of Orange has joined the Imperial forces about Trier, which they besiege, that the French forces give ground in most places, that Admiral de Ruyter lies before Dunkirk with his fleet, that four Brandenburg men-of-war with 600 soldiers are lying near the Brill, which are not to break up their instructions till they come out at sea. They talk also of there being great hopes of peace betwixt France and the Hollander apart. A westerly wind and ill harvest weather. [*Ibid. No. 194.*]

Aug. 14.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. By command of the Council transmitting to him their enclosed order in the case of Sir John Robinson with the several papers relating to it, that he may present it on their part to his Majesty for his pleasure upon the matter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 50.*]

Aug. 15.
2 p.m.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the King. Enclosing the Holland letters, adding that his Majesty will have received from Secretary Coventry in what state the business of the late disorder of the weavers was yesterday left by the Council, and that since all continues very quiet and well. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 195.*]

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Windsor.

Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I thank you for yours of the 14th with the enclosed transactions in the Council. I presented them all to his Majesty and gave him a short account of the most material points, as I conceived, of the examination, but I do not know whether he has as yet leisure to peruse them so strictly as to come to a particular conclusion on each particular, but in the general he is very well satisfied that the sheriff has acted vigorously and resolutely in his service, and that Sir John Robinson has been to blame in complying too much with the rabble and too little with the sheriff, but yet he believes that whosoever commands by his commission in the Tower is to command the militia there and in the Hamlets by a power distinct from the sheriff's, but the sheriff

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has done so well in general that his Majesty would not lessen the commendation he deserves by stirring any further questions, and though, as I told you before, he agrees with the Council that Sir John has been in the wrong as to several particulars in the management of this business, yet his submission has been so humble and hearty, that his Majesty seems very unwilling to blast all his past services for some miscarriages in this particular occasion, which his Majesty imputes no way to an intention of dis-serving him, but to his wrong judging the way of serving him, so that, by what I can guess, there being no positive declaration of his pleasure as yet, Sir John's past services and present submission will prevail with his Majesty not to be severe against him. I return your three bills signed. His Majesty has commanded me to write his thanks to the sheriff, as I shall do this post. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 196.]

Aug. 15.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday it blew hard and rained, but all last night it blew a storm, yet, notwithstanding there were at least 30 ships great and small, no damage is done and no ships broke loose. The wind is yet very high at N.N.W. [*Ibid.* No 197.]

Aug. 15.
Dover.

John Reading to Williamson. Concerning the arrival and departure of packet-boats and mails. [*Ibid.* No. 198.]

Aug. 15.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.E. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 199.]

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Windsor.

The King to Sir Robert Carr, Chancellor and to the Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster. He demised, 1 April, 1661, to George, Earl of Bristol, for 99 years from the previous Lady Day, Lancaster Great Park or Ashdown Forest, the Honour of the Aquila and other lands in Sussex, with the offices of steward of the said Honours and bailiff of the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster in the said county, with leave to disafforest the said forest and convert the same into tillage, at the rent of 200*l.* a year, and on 22 October, 1673, demised the said lands to Sir John Packington, Reginald Graham, and George Legg, with the said reserved rent of 200*l.*, for 31 years, at the yearly rent of 1*s.*, which grant was intended for the advantage of the children of Colonel Henry Washington, deceased, for his faithful services to the late and present kings, but was ineffectual from non-payment of the said rent of 200*l. per annum*, caused by the unfruitfulness of the premises, which will not without much expense be reduced to a condition of yielding any advantage. Sir Thomas Williams of Eltham, Kent, now agrees to pay 1,700*l.* to the trustees of the said children, 1,000*l.* in satisfaction of other pretences to the premises and a yearly rent of 100*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* He is therefore to have the grant of the same for ever in fee-farm, at the said rental. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, f. 197.]

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Windsor.

Warrant for a grant to Richard, Earl of Dorset, and Charles, Earl of Middlesex, of Broyle Park, Sussex, granted in 1661 to George, Earl of Bristol, for 99 years, but forfeited, because the said earl has not paid the rent of 100*l.* a year nor improved the same, to hold the same for the Earl of Dorset during his life and

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after his decease for the said Earl of Middlesex and his heirs in fee-farm under the yearly rent of 40*s*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 199.*]

Aug. 15.
Windsor.

Warrant to Sir Robert Carr, Chancellor and to the Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, to prepare a grant to Richard, Earl of Dorset, and after his decease to Charles, Earl of Middlesex, gentleman of the Bedchamber, of the rent of 100*l*. 1*s*. to be paid by Sir Thomas Williams, Bart., as the rent of Ashdown Forest, Sussex, in compensation for several advantages belonging to them from the said forest. [*Ibid. f. 200.*]

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Secretary Coventry to Sir Nathaniel Herne, Sheriff of London. Conveying to him the King's thanks for his loyalty, vigilance and conduct in suppressing the late riot. [*Precedents 1, f. 95.*]

Aug. 16.
Leicester
Fields.

The Earl of Orrery to Williamson. I received yesterday a letter dated the 14th from Flushing from William Yorke, the Mayor of Limerick, telling me that his ship, the *New Exchange* of Limerick, coming from Bordeaux for Dunkirk laden with French commodities, was taken by a Dunkirk caper, Abraham Mimell captain. He carried her into Calais, and threatens to make her a prize. Her master is Anthony Verneer, a freeman of Limerick.

He desires me to move his Majesty for his letter to the President and judges of Calais that are concerned in war affairs to restore his ship and goods without putting him to charges and trouble needlessly. This Mr. Yorke is an honest man, a great trader, and one who chiefly keeps up manufacture and traffic in Limerick, for which end he went this summer for Holland, and has bought there with his own money six ships and one frigate for Limerick, for which he deserves all fitting encouragement.

The bearer, Mr. Francis Tyssen, an eminent merchant of London, will deliver you this letter, the gout disabling me from waiting on you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 200.*]

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Sir R. Carr to [Williamson]. I give you my hearty thanks for your letter and am heartily sorry I was not at the Council to attend you. Newton and Walden dined with me yesterday where your health was cordially remembered. They are to dine here again to-day and Hartop is expected, and then I suppose we shall send you some instructions, suitable to the present state of affairs. Pray tell Sir Christopher Musgrave I am his humble servant, and we are very mindful of him. I believe I shall not leave this till Friday, the 27th. [*Ibid. No. 201.*]

Aug. 16.
Sunderland.

Samuel Hodgkin to Williamson. A vessel of this town the storm before this foundered about 10 leagues off the opening of the Tees. The men and a passenger saved themselves in their boat, and after being in it 30 hours were taken up at the north end of the Dogger Sand by a Holland fisherman, who put them on board their convoy, from whence they were sent hither in a Tanning hoy. News is just come of a flyboat being overset about Hartlepool in the storm we had yesterday at N.E. and by N. We fear to hear of more losses. The master of the vessel that foundered says he saw two sunk by him. One had all lost, and the other's men betook them to their

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boat. The ships that come from France to Flanders complain much of the abuses they meet with from the French and Spanish privateers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 202.*]

Aug. 16.
Bridlington.

T. Aslabby to Williamson. The ships I gave an account of in my last we judge are got down to their loading ports. About 80 light colliers are now at anchor in this bay, which anchored yesterday and last Saturday, the wind blowing northerly, a violent gale. Near 100 sail, we hear, went into Scarborough. We hear not as yet of any damage. The wind is yet northerly, but much abated. [*Ibid. No. 203.*]

Aug. 16.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. We have a rumour that Mr. Moore has or will speedily set up for the knight of the shire, Lord Digby only now appearing for it. I have sent to the West to enquire the truth, but having not the answers timely enough for this post, if it prove true, I shall inform you of it the next. Mr. James Gould, of Dorchester, a burgess of that town, is very aged and sick, and so, as I hear, is Sir Francis Wyndham of Trent, a Parliament man for Milborne Port in Somerset, at Bath. I have had no newsletter from the office these last two weeks. [*Ibid. No. 204.*]

Aug. 16.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 205.*]

Aug. 16.
11 p.m.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Secretary Coventry. I had yours of yesterday, and am extreme glad that business of the Lieutenant of the Tower is like to have that issue you mention from his Majesty. Yet, I assure you, the part I take in it is infinitely more for the King's service (which, if I mistake not, is greatly concerned in it for many reasons) than for any particular goodwill I bear the poor man. I shall offer it to you as my opinion as well as my humble prayer, that you will continue to fortify the King in his intention of not turning him out. Yet, on the other side, it may be very fit to punish him in another kind, and to a degree sufficiently for an example to others in like occasions hereafter, which may at the same time serve to stop the mouths of those that I see among ourselves, as well as a sort of men in the town [that] had already executed the poor man. The truth is, we had much ado to bring some of them to hear him speak for himself, as I shall tell you more at large hereafter. In the meantime the Lord Keeper, who means to be at Court to-morrow night, will, I doubt not, tell you in sum, how that and all other parts of our late business have passed and that Sir J. Robinson is not the only man to blame in it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 50.*]

Aug. 16.
Windsor.

Warrant for swearing and admitting the Condé Don Francisco de Mello to be Lord Chamberlain to the Queen. [*Precedents 1, f. 95.*]

Aug. 16.
Windsor.

The King to the Lord Treasurer. Warrant at the desire of the Baron Sparre, the Swedish Ambassador, to order the Commissioners of the Customs to permit certain Swedish ships laden with salt for Stockholm to unlade their cargo on certain English ships going to the same place without paying any further custom than would have

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been demanded if the Swedish ships had continued their voyage without unlading, and also to permit the unlading of certain goods of the said Ambassador's on board a Swedish galliot he has hired at Rouen now in the Thames on board any English vessel going for Stockholm. [*Precedents* 1, f. 96.]

Aug. 17.
London.

Elizabeth Lennard to Williamson. Mr. Hardwin's importunity and my own concerns for want of my money embolden me to give you this trouble, because I have been often to wait on you concerning the warrant that was mislaid, and the hopes you gave me in looking for it. My humble request now is that, if the warrant is not yet found, you would get another signed, for the sufferers in the long want of their warrant, which prevents them and me of our money, are much necessitated. [*S.P. Dom., Car II.* 372, No. 206.]

Aug. 17.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. These last three or four days there has been stormy weather, the wind northerly. Now it is at S.W., windy fair weather. [*Ibid.* No. 207.]

Aug. 17.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. We had such a storm and tide last Sunday as has not been observed these many years. It has done us some damage but not very much. The wind was mostly northerly. Yesterday it was more westerly and brought us fair weather and the sight of many laden ships passing by for the River. We have neither packet-boat nor news since my last. [*Ibid.* No. 208.]

Aug. 17.
Rye.

James Welsh to Williamson. About 1 to-day came hither Mr. Grenville, Col. Churchill and divers other persons of quality, who within two hours went hence in the *Anne* yacht for France, and without doubt will arrive at Dieppe by morning. The same time went 20 horses for France, convoyed by the *Greyhound*. [*Ibid.* No. 209.]

Aug. 17.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. There rode off St. Helens about 40 Dutch ships outward-bound with 7 men-of-war to convey them. The storm on Saturday night put them all from their anchors, and they went back again and left their anchors behind. About the same time came in two French men-of-war and went by to Cowes, where they now ride. [*Ibid.* No. 210.]

Aug. 17.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 211.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.*, No. 211.]

Aug. 17.
Windsor.

Warrant to James, Earl of Suffolk, Deputy Earl Marshal, for conferring on the younger sons and daughters of the late Sir Bevil Grenville, viz., Bernard, Denys, Elizabeth, wife of Peter Prideaux, Bridget, wife of Sir Thomas Higgons, and Johanna, relict of Col. Richard Thornhill, the rights, privileges and precedency they would have enjoyed, if their father had been created an Earl by the late King as he intended, which was prevented by Sir Bevil's being slain with great honour at the battle of Lansdown. [*Precedents* 1, f. 97.]

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Aug. 18. Order in Council for the discharge from the Gatehouse of Sergeant Richard Humphreys, committed for refusing to assist the Under-Sheriff of Middlesex in suppressing the late tumult of the weavers. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 212.]
The Council Chamber, Whitehall.
- Aug. 18. John Cooke to [Williamson]. Secretary Coventry, hearing of a letter lately come from the King of Persia, has commanded me to enquire where it is, and, if I can procure it, to send it him. I learnt from the East India Company that Mr. Sheriff Herne delivered that letter to you in the Council Chamber last Friday. If you think fit to let me have it, I shall send it to Mr. Secretary, or otherwise please let me know what answer I shall return him. [Ibid. No. 213.]
- Aug. 18. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Van Haen, De Ruyter's Vice-Admiral, in the *Gouda* of 76 guns, came Monday night into Portland Road. He came out with four more men-of-war, but on the back of the Isle of Wight they and their merchantmen last Saturday lost above 20 anchors and parted. They are to go for Plymouth and stay there for De Ruyter in order for Messina, as they say. He is yet here.
Weymouth. Voices are making for Mr. Moore, but I cannot learn he has written any letter about it, so I am yet in the dark. [Ibid. No. 214.]
- Aug. 18. Warrant to the Keeper of the Gatehouse for the discharge of Sergeant Humphreys, committed for refusing to assist the Under-Sheriff of Middlesex in suppressing the late tumult of the weavers. Minute. [Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 77.]
- Aug. 18. The King to Sir John Nisbett of Dirleton, Lord Advocate. Warrant to prepare a signature for creating his natural son, Charles Lenox, a Duke, Earl, and Lord of Scotland, by the titles of Duke of Lenox, Earl of Darneley, and Lord Terbolton, with remainder to the heirs male of his body. [S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 326.]
Windsor Castle.
- Aug. 18. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland. Warrants for payment to Alexander, Earl of Morray, and to the Earl of Kinghorn of 500*l.* sterling apiece out of the fine of 1,000*l.* lately imposed by the Privy Council on Lord and Lady Cardrosse. [Ibid. p. 327.]
Windsor Castle.
- Aug. 18. Warrant for a gift to the Provost, Bailies and Council of Aberdeen and their successors for seven years, towards payment of the public debts incurred during the late troubles, of power to exact 4*l.* Scots for every pint of ale and beer brewed or sold within the said burgh and 2*s.* Scots for every pint of wine, *aqua vite*, brandy or strong waters vented, tapped or sold therein. [Ibid. p. 328.]
Windsor Castle.
- Aug. 18. Memorial of protection in the ordinary form to Margaret Forbes for two years. [Ibid. p. 330.]
Windsor Castle.
- Aug. 19. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Since my last on Tuesday nothing has happened here, nor is there any news by reason of the packet-boat's not arriving here yet. The weather is fair and the wind westerly. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 215.]
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Aug. 19.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. At St. Helens Road ride six men-of-war and a fire-ship with about 20 Dutch merchant-ships. The commander-in-chief is Captain Burkhead in the *Osterweeke* of 60 guns, another is equal to that, and the rest are between 30 and 40. They are part of De Ruyter's fleet, having been separated by bad weather. They suppose him with the rest of their fleet to be put in to some of our western ports. It was those that were forced to sea from St. Helens and left some cables and anchors behind, which they have since recovered. The commanders were ashore here, and were kindly treated by Sir Roger Manley, the deputy governor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 216.*]

Aug. 19.
Portsmouth.

John Pocock to James Hickes. Giving news of the Dutch fleet, as in the last. [*Ibid. No. 217.*]

Aug. 19.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 218.*]

Aug. 20.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Wednesday the Bishop of Durham, being the Lord Lieutenant of this county palatine, had a general muster of all the train-band forces of this county nigh the city of Durham, where there was a very great appearance of all the gentry in the county, to the great satisfaction of his lordship, who caused all the forces to march orderly into the city, his lordship riding at the head of them, accompanied with all his deputy lieutenants. Wind S.W. [*Ibid. No. 219.*]

Aug. 20.
Lynn.

Edward Bodham to Williamson. Our Mayor, Mr. Thomas Green, having after 20 days' sickness of a fever departed this life last Monday, this corporation to-day elected Alderman Simon Taylor to be mayor till Michaelmas next. [*Ibid. No. 220.*]

Aug. 20.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. One of our pilots arrived last night from Ostend says at the beginning of this week a French party came and fired a village near Ostend, which very much alarmed the inhabitants.

The master of a ship from Barbados reports that the negroes there had made an agreement to rise and cut off all the English, but a negro woman, having an affection for her master and mistress, discovered the plot, and on examination they found it to be true. Six of the negroes were burnt and eleven had their heads cut off. They were upon further examination when the ship came away about 1 July last.

About 5 June the *Advice* of London, Capt. Robert Swanly late commander, arrived at Barbados. They came directly from Ireland with provisions to that island. Swanly was very well known to be an over severe commander, given to drink and basely to pinch his men, insomuch that they were almost starved. His men and he had high words, they on the deck and he in his cabin. At last he ran out of his cabin. Two of his men and a passenger, a very pretty young man, fell on him, and with what first came to hand struck him so that they almost killed him, and then heaved him overboard, where he suddenly sank, being so amazed with blows. They made slight of it, but about the beginning of July the

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two seamen were hanged at Barbados on gibbets and there continued. The passenger was also hanged on a gibbet, but was cut down and buried.

The wind continues S.W. 64 outward-bound ships great and small lie wind-bound in the Downs. After the great fears of over-much rain God has sent us dry, calm, pleasant harvest weather. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 221.]

Aug. 20. Capt. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships
Plymouth. arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 222.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 2221.]

Aug. 20. Warrant making free the *Hope* of London, a Scotch prize.
Windsor. Minute. [*Precedents* 1, j. 96.]

Aug. 21. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The master of one of our packet-
Harwich. boats arrived this morning informs us that a great fleet of Dutch herring busses have been fishing towards the North with two men-of-war as their convoys, and that two French men-of-war (some say both of them less than either of the Dutch) attacked and took them both, and might have brought away all their busses, if they had had men enow to man them.

In sight of us all this morning (the wind westerly) are passing by a very considerable fleet of laden colliers for the Thames. About 1 p.m. another of our packet-boats arrived, but brings no news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 223.]

Aug. 21. Richard Watts to Williamson. Pray let the enclosed be immedi-
Deal. ately delivered to Mr. Bridgeman. The outward-bound fleet in the Downs I acquainted you was 64 sail. Three or four came down to-day, all lying wind-bound. 'Tis reported here that Lower Normandy is in arms against their King. Very little wind at N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 224.]

Aug. 21. J. Shadwell to [Williamson.] In excuse of my tardy going to
Deal. Tangier I beg leave to tell you that my first promise was not broken but prevented by a distemper which fell on me, and disabled me for travel, and I cannot but say the *Yarmouth*, which your courtesy designed for me on her second coming about to Portsmouth, did not play me fair, which will cost me 50*l.* I am now at Deal and my family are in the *Guinea* frigate, now a merchant, which conveys me to Cadiz. We wait the first fair wind, and it will be a favour if you will order Capt. Harman to call for me there and carry me to Tangier. I ask this with the more confidence on the relation and known kindness you have for Thetford, which gave me my first being. [*Ibid.* No. 225.]

Aug. 21. Michael Boyle, Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor, to
Dublin. Williamson. Thanking him for having directed Mr. Yard to furnish him with the *Weekly Intelligence*, and begging him by his commands to make him capable of performing him some service. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 335, No. 179.]

Sunday, John Creed to Williamson. Requesting him to attend a sitting
Aug. 22. of the Lords Commissioners for Tangier at 4 to-morrow afternoon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 226.]

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Aug. 22. D. P. to [Williamson?] I had but last night my letters from Windsor, in which I had the enclosed news from Poland, which I present, there being somewhat of concern in it. I should have had them sooner, if they had not come under my Lord's cover and been kept there two or three days. I question not but you have heard he is named a plenipotentiary for the congress of peace with Marquis de Mansera, a grandee of Spain, and Mr. Christian of the Council of Brabant, which is now at Madrid. Our secretary had been at Antwerp and all that he could negotiate in five or six weeks has not been above 6,000 *crowns*, which are not yet come here. 'Tis but a poor business and scarce enough to discharge what is due already. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 227.]
- Aug. 22. J. Shadwell to Williamson. Your kindness is the author of my boldness in begging your remembrance of me in the Irish establishment, whereof my Lord of Ormonde promised me to remind you, and I am sure the Duke, my royal master, will own me so far as to take it kindly from you. After the slip the *Yarmouth* gave me, I have plied the first opportunity, and I hope it will not be many hours ere we sail. It would quicken my arrival at Tangier if Capt. Harman might have orders to take me in at Cadiz, which was my request to you in mine yesterday. [*Ibid.* No. 228.]
- Aug. 22. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N. Friday the *Cleveland* Portsmouth. yacht came in here from Newhaven (Havre), where he left the *Merlin* yacht, waiting to bring over the corpse of Lord Lockier (Lockhart), which he heard was come to Rouen, before he came away. This captain had a gold chain and medal weighing about 20oz. presented him, and brings another for Capt. Clements, commander of the *Greyhound*, of the like weight, being for conveying over the two French yachts built here by Sir A. Deane. He brings word that the French give the English great honour for their late service against the Imperialists, that by their means they retreated over the bridge, but that many were slain in that action, and that they are in great fear of De Ruyter's fleet purposing to land men and furnish ammunition to the mutineers in Brittany. [*Ibid.* No. 229.]
- Aug. 23. Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Thomas Simon took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid.* No. 230.]
- Aug. 23. Sir Philip Musgrave to Sir Christopher Musgrave, Dean's Yard, Edenhal. Westminster. Last Saturday I returned from my week's troublesome attendance at Carlisle on great men. My Lord Marshal was very civil to me, and, I have heard, speaks of me at the same rate, when I hear him not, and blames somebody much for suffering those designs of [Sir] G[eorge] F[letcher] to make rents and divisions in the country, which, I suppose, makes that person pay the like outward compliments to me publicly and privately, which I have not been wanting to answer, for I easily discover the design, which is, to make known to great men above, how much he courts a good understanding with me, but underhand he is the same as formerly, as appears by the success at the Assizes of such matters as I wished well to, of which Basse will give you a particular account, and it will be apparent to you, that the justice of a business prevails not

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among us here. Lord Carlisle and I have several times discoursed of the disputes betwixt G. F. and me. I have spoken freely and once he told me he was ill put to it betwixt us, for I was jealous of him, and the other was angry if he did not assist him in all his designs. Last Saturday his lordship moved me again that all disputes might be laid aside. I told him I should be well content to live in quiet, but I would not meddle in the matters betwixt G. F. and the officers of the Custom-house, for I was not concerned in it till his lordship made me a party before the Lord Treasurer. Immediately after he took G. F. and me aside, and said he wished a better understanding betwixt us. I answered, in any concern of my own I would submit it to his lordship. The other said nothing to that, but fell upon the business of Scotch cattle, and what I said at Penrith sessions at Michaelmas. I told him Mr. Simson knew what I said, for he took it in writing. My lord perceived the discourse grew warm, so let the matter fall, and went to the Bench, for this discourse was in the low end of the Common Hall, the judge sitting and several gentlemen at such a distance, as they probably took notice the conversation was not agreeable. At my taking leave my lord told me he intended me a visit at Edenhal, and, though at the Sheriff's house, went to the door with me. I consider G. F.'s stories are all heard, and pass for truths, none but myself here and you at London averring the truth of passages in the matters of the Custom-house. Wherein Basse is most concerned, I thought fit to give him a fair occasion to come to Lord Carlisle, that, if opportunity be offered, he may aver the untruths that are discoursed in the coming over of 10,000 Scotch beasts after 24 Aug. last year, his and the officers of the Customs taking bribes for so doing, and that the cattle rescued from Simson and his officers (on which the indictment was framed and twice found *Ignoramus* at Penrith) were first seized by Simson's officers. The contrary is sworn and will be made good. The occasion I take to send Basse to Lord Carlisle is with a short letter taking notice of his intended visit to Edenhal and inviting him to dinner, for he put this compliment of an intended visit so publicly on me, that I can do no less in civility. By this long narrative you will see I am kept to this hard play of complimenting one that I judge no friend, his power here much above mine, the instruments he uses here not daring to oppose, all cowed, though they see well enough his way, and value not G. F. I cannot use tricks, plain dealing must do my business or I must suffer. It is time therefore you hasten on the dispatch of your affair, for, till that be done and publicly known, it is vain for me to appear in any public affairs, and I desire you to let Secretary Williamson know as much. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 231.*]

Aug. 23. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last week came in here about
Pendennis. 20 small vessels. I beg your pardon for informing you of the miscarriage of your intelligence, for Lord Arundel sent for it, which I knew not till now. [*Ibid. No. 232.*]

Aug. 23. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 20th came in here the
Falmouth. *Rebecca* of London from Havre, bound for Kilburry in Ireland. They have five or six Irish passengers, who were soldiers in the French

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service, and are returning home. The 21st came in here the *Thomas and John* of London with salt from Rochelle. They report that the mutineers are still up in Brittany and that the French King is sending an army against them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 233.*]

Aug. 23.
Swansen.

John Man to Williamson. If anything worth your knowing occurred here you would hear from me, though I have not had a letter of intelligence from the office these two months. By the master of a small barque of this place, which came from Port Louis last Saturday, we are informed that the rebels in Brittany continue in bodies in several parts, and the women only are left in many parts to reap and get in their corn, and that the Duc de Chaulnes is at Port Louis with a small party which he has to guard his person and house from the rabble, but he expects daily a considerable body to endeavour a suppression of the rebels by fair means or by force. [*Ibid. No. 234.*]

Aug. 23.
Windsor.

Warrant for a bill erecting the office of powder maker, for making, repairing and stoveing all gunpowder and refining saltpetre with a salary of 6*l.* a day from the Ordnance Office; and for a grant of the same to William Buckler and his son for their lives and the life of the survivor. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 133.*]

Aug. 23.
Windsor.

The King to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master General of the Ordnance. William Buckler has represented by petition that he contracted with the Ordnance Officers for a great quantity of powder, saving his Majesty 20,000*l.* therein in the two last Dutch wars, that he spent 5,000*l.* in works and that in trying to bring the gunpowder to greater perfection he had 18 powder mills blown up, and prayed for some allowance in consideration of his services. The petition being referred to Sir Thomas Chicheley, who consulted with the principal Ordnance Officers, the report recommended a grant of 1,500*l.* from the Treasury of the Ordnance, which he is authorized to pay accordingly. [*Ibid. p. 135.*]

Aug. 24.
Stookton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Saturday the *Merchant's Love* of this place sailed with coals, lead and butter for Amsterdam, and next day the *Margaret* of this place for Rotterdam with lead and butter. Wind S.W. with good harvest weather. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 235.*]

Aug. 24.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat has arrived since my last, so we have no news. The wind is constantly veering betwixt S. and W. [*Ibid. No. 236.*]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. About 11 last night the *Florentine* anchored to the westward of the Goodwin in between 3 and 4 fathoms, but thought himself on the East side. He had not been long at anchor when suddenly the water fell from him and he came aground, at which they were all amazed and everyone began to shift for himself, and at last in two boats they got ashore. The ship was spied by our seamen as soon as day gave light, and suddenly about ten hookers (they are our great boats of about 5 tons) went towards her, and but two or three dared adventure to come nigh

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her. She came from Bergen and was bound for the Straits, her whole loading was stockfish.

10 a.m. She has been in a sinking condition these two hours, and now her hull is under water, quite lost without hopes of saving anything. Her master went off about 9 with help, but, before he could come to her, she was under water. They say she belongs to Mr. Gould of London and partners. She had 14 guns and but 20 men. The wind was S.W., very fresh, and one of our hookers was like to founder by reason of the high seas. 11 a.m. Not so much as her mast is seen, all sunk right down into the Goodwin sand.

The ships that went out last Sunday have ever since rode under Dungeness and are now forced in by reason of the contrary high winds. It blows very fresh at S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 372, No. 237.*]

Aug. 24.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. The whole Dutch fleet continues at St. Helens Road waiting for a fair wind to carry them for Plymouth, the port appointed for De Ruyter's whole fleet for rendezvous. [*Ibid. No. 238.*]

Aug. 24.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Yesterday came in here three Dutch men-of-war, part of the fleet lately at St. Helens. They wait for the remainder of their fleet. When they come, they will sail with the Dutch East India ship, which has lain here so long. [*Ibid. No. 239.*] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid. No. 239 i.*]

Aug. 25.
Lillingston
Dayrell.

Thomas Atterbury to Williamson. Having with your leave seen the few acquaintance I have in this country, I found them on the one hand commiserating my misfortune and loss both of a good master and of the time I since trifled away, and on the other they professed themselves sensible of your kindness to me in admitting me to live thus long one of your domestics. I told them you had told me last Michaelmas I should be not only freely welcome to your house, but at liberty to depart when my unkind fortune invited me away. On this an offer was made me of going beyond the seas on a small account, that I shall trouble you with, when I come to London, which I have accepted rather than live longer troublesome to you. I have only my poor thanks and my whole self to lay at your feet for your succours to me, hoping that the merit and memory of my master may, if fortune blows me to Edgland again, keep me in your eye and good grace. [*Ibid. No. 240.*]

Aug. 25.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The fleet that sailed westward last Sunday and was forced in yesterday sailed again this morning. About 18 of the biggest merchant ships outward-bound remain in the Downs. The wind was this morning northerly. Not a breath of wind.

Postscript.—2 p.m. It being since fair weather several boats went off to the ship that sank on the Goodwin to see if they could break up her hold when it was low water, because the master said there were about 20 or 30 tons of lead in her, some pigs above 200lbs., which he took in at the North and carried to Bergen and there took in stockfish, which they did, and brought a pretty deal ashore, and hope, if this calm weather continue and the wind remain S.E., to get a good part out. [*Ibid. No. 241.*]

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Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This being the first day of my return home from the service of the East India Company, there is little to acquaint you with. (News of the ship lost on the Goodwin as in Watts' last two letters.) This morning the wind came about again to N.E. so the outward-bound fleet of merchantmen are sailed again.

Postscript.—The wind is come about to S.W. and blows hard, which has caused the said fleet to bear up again for the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 372, No. 242.]

Aug. 25.
Windsor.

Warrant for the insertion in the next pardon without the proviso for transportation of John Smith of Flamstead, Hertfordshire, sentenced to be transported at the Berkshire assizes for stealing a horse, he being only in the company of Alexander Grigg, who has been executed for the said fact, and also for his release on bail in the meantime. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 142.]

Aug. 25.
Windsor.

Warrant for a gift to the Earl of Bath of the estate of [John] Rivett, of London, brasier, forfeited by his having become *felo de se*. [*Precedents* 1, f. 98.]

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Windsor.

Warrant to the Governor or Treasurer of the almshouse of Ewelme, Oxfordshire, to permit William Durant to continue to receive the King's allowance of 20*l.* a week to the almsmen of the said almshouse, which is refused him unless he will reside at Ewelme, his habitation being at Burham, Buckinghamshire, forasmuch as by reason of his great age, he being 103, he is unable to remove. [*Ibid.* f. 99.]

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Windsor.

Pass to the *Mercury* employed by John Parker and Benjamin Steele to transport 16,000 round shot to Tunis, which they are given leave to do, with a proviso that they or one of them is to give sufficient security not to transport the said shot except to Tunis. [*Ibid.* f. 101.]

Aug. 25.
Windsor
Castle.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Whereas by our letter to the Lord Provost, &c. of Edinburgh (calendared *ante*, p. 247), we took off our restraint and allowed them to proceed to an election, which we hoped should have reduced all to their former good temper, but being now informed that some in the Council factiously design to perpetuate their own faction, and have scattered reports traducing their magistrates and endeavouring to possess the people that they had betrayed their liberties for their obeying our letter in continuing in their offices, we therefore authorize and require you to intimate our positive pleasure to the magistrates and Town Council that Robert Baird, Dean of Guild, James Sutherland, Treasurer, and eight other persons be by them discharged from officiating as members of the Town Council or any other trust relating to the town, till our further pleasure be known, and that the remaining number, which makes a full *quorum* of the Council, fill up those vacant places with other sober persons, and that they be careful this year in electing such as are loyal, sober, and well affected to the government in Church and State, as they would wish encouragement from us. We well know what the carriage of some of the above-mentioned was at the late convention

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of burrows at Glasgow, and how they have endeavoured lately not only to traduce the last magistrates for obeying us, but also to misrepresent our proceedings, yet we delay any further proceeding against them, till we see if they will behave quietly and soberly in their private stations as burgesses. But, if they continue their faction in relation to the next election, we require you to proceed against them, for we think ourselves so much concerned in this affair, that we will not leave it off till our good town be governed by sober and loyal persons. You shall appoint some of your number to attend and see all this put in execution, requiring the 13 who are left on the Council and are a full *quorum* thereof to exerce as the Council, and that such as are chosen by them attend and serve as they will answer the contrary at their peril. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 381.*]

Aug. 26.
The Vine.

Do[rothy Lady] Dacre to Williamson. Last winter you did me the favour to peruse the writings of my grandchild, Dacres Barrett, concerning the difference between Lord Loftus and him. The Lord Lieutenant is now in England, and, if he should now take his opportunity to do Lord Loftus a second kindness in moving the King for his letter to recommend the Parliament in Ireland to pass the estate to Lord Loftus by an act, as Lord Loftus did at his Majesty's first coming to England, on which the King being informed of my son's right recalled it, the Lord Lieutenant's partial report will vanish, which if it come to a full hearing, we do not fear Lord Loftus' bare allegations against our proofs. At the hearing before the Lord Lieutenant in Ireland, as our petition was read which my son's counsel was ready to prove, Lord Loftus' counsel to be short said they had granted them all but one, which they very well knew my son could not prove, viz., that the Council of State put my lord in possession of the disputed estate for the good service he had done the Parliament in keeping his castle in Yorkshire against the King's forces. My son has his petition to the Council of State, but by reason the acts done there are all lost, my humble request is, that, if his Majesty should be moved to it, you would give us notice of it, for I am confident the King will not do it but on a surprise, he has been so just in all the business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 873, No. 1.*]

Aug. 26.
Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. Several light and laden ships ply to and again. We have heard of little damage at sea the late blowing weather, but it has shalled much wheat and other grain. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

Aug. 26.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday one of our packet-boats arrived from the Brill. Ever since last Saturday they have been plying of it. They brought no news. Some soldiers of the Duke of Monmouth's regiment in the French army, that came over in her, being wounded in the retreat of the French army over the Rhine and left behind, say that Marshal Turenne was shot in the breast, as he was viewing the Imperial army through a perspective glass, and that, though that regiment was in the heat of all that service, not many of it were slain. Wind W.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

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 Aug. 26. **Portsmouth.** Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. The Dutch ships are still at St. Helens waiting for a fair wind to Plymouth, the place appointed for their rendezvous. A vessel arrived from Barbados left all there in a thriving condition. The seamen that killed their commander, Swanley, are carried ashore and condemned to be hanged. The master reports that the said captain, putting the seamen to short allowance, meeting with a long passage, they mutinied, and one of the men struck him with a handspike that he fell down. Then another struck an iron fid with the handle of it into his brains. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 4.*]
- Aug. 26. **Truro.** Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 5.*]
- Aug. 26. **Windsor Castle.** *Caveat* that nothing pass to the prejudice of the pretensions of Richard Royston and Robert Cleater, assignees of the interest of Col. Walter Slingsby, deceased, in the Royal Oak lottery, till they be heard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 14.*]
- [Aug. ?] William Cooke, John Cooke, and John Heskins to the King. Petition for pardon for forgery, subornation, and perjury, in regard that William Cooke could get no benefit if the will adjudged to be forged had been found good, he being to pay in annuities and debts the full value of the lands demised to him thereby, and the petitioners having never been or reputed persons of evil fame or defrauders of people. *At the side,*
 Aug. 27. **Whitehall.** *Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor General. On the back,*
Report by Sir W. Jones, Attorney-General, in favour of granting the prayer of the petition, 20 Sept. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 6.]
- Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 44.*]
- Aug. 27. Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Henry Baltes, born at Saardam in Holland, took the oath of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 7.*]
- Aug. 27. [Sir J. Williamson] to ————. Thanking him for his letters of the 14th from Bruges, the 16th from Ghent, and the 20th, 24th, 26th and 30th, and begging him to continue them with the zeal he is known to have for his friends. The Master wishes you to make some visits to the army in order to save appearances, and also to endeavour to penetrate more particularly into the affairs. You will be credited with 100 or 150 Jacobuses extraordinary on that head, which I charge myself to remit to you at sight. Only remember that your services are valued, and that people claim to deserve them. [*French. Draft in Williamson's hand. Ibid. No. 8.*]
- Aug. 27. **Stockton** Richard Potts to Williamson. High southerly winds. No news. [*Ibid. No. 9.*]
- Aug. 27. **Yarmouth.** Richard Bower to Williamson. Our Island (Iceland) fleet are all arrived, but not half fished. We have daily complaints from our ships of the great abuses they receive from the capers in abusing

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the masters and company and taking out goods. The engine that was some time since brought from London to deepen this haven is almost finished and fit to work, if the partners interested therein could agree amongst themselves. Those that covenanted with the town seem willing to stand by their contract, but the rest will not consent unless they and the town make a new contract, pretending they must be losers by the former. I fear they are ignorant of the number of the partners, and that there are two or three that will lay claim to a part, so that, if the town were willing to treat anew, they do not know whom to treat with. Our Presbyterians and Independents now agree as one, and meet in one place in greater numbers than formerly, and as public as if they were indulged, which some conceive they are, and they themselves nurse them up in this ignorance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 10.]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Wednesday and yesterday the fleet of merchantmen, that I acquainted you were sailed the third time, came in again, and almost 80 sail outward-bound are now at anchor in the Downs. Last night two ships arrived from Cadiz. They say that three of his Majesty's ships have blocked up Sallee, and that all the Sallee men-of-war are in that harbour except three small ones, and that they hear not of any English ships taken by them. [*Ibid.* No. 11.]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 12.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 12 r.]

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Windsor.

Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox for stopping so much of the pension of Col. Thomas Howard of Suffolk as may satisfy the debts incurred by him while lieutenant-colonel to the Earl of Mulgrave's regiment to the lieutenant and several private soldiers of his company, amounting to 101*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* for moneys received by him for the said company and not paid, and to cause the same to be paid to the persons from whom it has been detained. [*Precedents* 1, f. 100.]

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Windsor.

Warrant to the Warden of the Mint in the Tower, after reciting that he has caused to be made and examined two piles of Scotch weights, each containing 512oz., whereof 12oz. are of less weight than 12oz. English by 4 *dwt.* 9 *grs.* English, for the delivery of one of the said piles to Richard Maitland, one of the generals of the mint in Scotland, by bills indented under the hands of the said Warden and General to be carried into Scotland by him and to remain with the officers of the Mint there. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 28.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The packet-boat which should have come from the Brill last Wednesday is not yet arrived, the wind yesterday and to-day being mostly southerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 13.]

[Before
Aug. 29.]

Invitation to [Williamson] to be present at the consecration of the Bishop Elect of Worcester at St. Peter's Church, Broad Street, on Sunday, 29 Aug., between 8 and 9 a.m., and afterwards to dine with his Lordship at Drapers' Hall. [*Printed.* *Ibid.* No. 14.]

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Aug. 29. Sir C. Musgrave to [Williamson.] Conceiving you might have
Moore. opportunity of speaking with his Royal Highness before I waited on you, my father's command engages me to send you the enclosed. I am sorry for the length of it. I wish he were not so dejected, though the indirect practices of that great man give too much occasion, for in two concerns I had the judge was treated with in one, and the jury in the other, the particulars of which are too tedious. You see how much my return into the country is desired by my father, and it seems the likeliest way of effecting what his Highness was pleased to declare in favour of me, but I shall always acquiesce in what you please to determine. The widow is still here with the richest, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 15.*]
- Aug. 29. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. The Dutch ships
Portsmouth. continue at anchor at St. Helens Road, where they ride very smooth with these winds. [*Ibid. No. 16.*]
- Aug. 29. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. No news since my last. [*Ibid.*
Plymouth. No. 17.]
- Aug. 29. Secretary Coventry to the Bishop of London. The King granted
Windsor away the estate of John Ryvett, a brasier of St. Sepulchre's parish, lately become *felo de se*; but being moved on behalf of his widow and the estate being small, he recalls his former grant and gives it to her for her support. The estate is therefore to be reserved entire for the widow. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 201.*]
- [Before
Aug. 30.] Notice to [Williamson] to meet the Committee of Correspondence at the African House on Monday, 30 Aug., at 9 a.m. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 18.*]
- Aug. 30. William Cooke to Williamson. I am forced to become a suitor for a pardon, being convicted of what I never was guilty of. Were Thomas Lamplugh in town, of whom I purchased Papcastle and Dovenby in Cumberland, I would oblige him to wait on you in my behalf, who is able to inform you of my having lived always like an honest man. I beseech you to favour me with a dispatch. [*Ibid. No. 19.*]
- Aug. 30. James Hickes to Williamson. On Saturday night I received yours for Lord O'Brien and one from his lady, and have obeyed your commands by enclosing them to an officer in Dublin for their care and safe conveyance, and by the post to-morrow shall do it more effectually, and advise my Lord thereof that he may transmit his letters to such persons back or into any part of Ireland. The bad member in the office in Dublin, as formerly suspected, was one James Knight, who died two or three months past. [*Ibid. No. 20.*]
- Aug. 30. Alderman Patience Ward to Williamson. The free access I have
London. ever had with your Honour has encouraged this, though, when I reflect on my fruitless solicitations in the French treaty of commerce, my heart fails. The present is, like my former, about the manufacture of wool, whereto the soil and people here are so generally disposed, that the touch of it is esteemed as the apple of their eye, and it is accordingly secured by severest laws, and of that complaint, fall of rents and decay of trade, this seems to claim

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precedence, the decay of the woollen manufacture ; this touches the landlord, the tenant, the merchant, the mariner, the whole.

The treaties with all nations eminently have been for vending the same, as that whereby we can maintain any commerce with a saving to this kingdom, which nevertheless has been greatly invaded lately by our neighbourhood and is in some places irrecoverable, obliging suitable considerations thereof. But, whilst that is doing, the present attempts of Ireland on the several sorts of manufactures claimed by prescription and possession as the property and right of the several counties of England is submitted to consideration, that the vieing of one with the other may not ruin both, for that the attempt multiplies the groans of England in the further decay of their darling manufacture and so forms animosities and hatred betwixt the kingdoms, whilst Ireland will as surely be disappointed of what it is made to hope, and unawares run into greater poverty.

The woollen manufactures made in England are thought double more than sufficient to supply the whole world we traffic with, or can fix any upon, and the want of vent in England, which has broke so many manufacturers that now hope to relieve themselves in Ireland under the management of some of greater purse than experience in this project, will prove as fatal to the one as injurious to the other, for they carry the disease over with them, or else it will most certainly meet them, and the complaint be changed from the decayed manufactories of England to the ruined manufacturers and manufactory of England and Ireland.

Wherefore I have thought it my duty to represent this account to his Majesty, and that if the same reasons moving laws against planting tobacco in England, reserving the trade with our plantations in America, prohibiting the wool of Ireland as well as that of England from transportation to any foreign parts, and many other like instances, may not well urge a restraint of such a manufactory of wool in Ireland for export on the reasons aforesaid, and it is to be noted that the present attempt is not on any new invention or improvement, but making the very sorts constantly practised in the several English counties.

It is humbly proposed that the manufacture of hemp and flax be recommended on such inviting and practical terms that it may be demonstrably the interest of Ireland to entertain. To this end it is proposed that a considerable impost on all sorts of manufacture of flax and hemp, capable to be manufactured in Ireland, imported from abroad into England, may be recommended to Parliament, so as an allowance may be made out of it to everyone that sows flax or hemp or manufactures it in Ireland, and that the said manufactures be custom free in Ireland and England (at least for a certain time in both, and in Ireland for ever) and that all flax and hemp seed imported from abroad be custom free in Ireland, and that this proposed manufactory may have all further encouragements that may occur, not injurious to England.

There are great and just reasons for such an impost or even prohibition in order to such a new manufacture, viz., most of the countries whence we have our linen have lately applied themselves to manufacture wool, and cease to receive any due proportion of our manufacture as heretofore, and the overbalance of trade to be

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elsewhere, as it is now particularly with France to disadvantage of this kingdom of a million *per annum*; that our navigation may not be continued under the necessity of our uncertain friends for our sail cloths, which is a sort most easy to be made in Ireland; and that this kingdom be not further depopulated by drawing away more people, which are or may be more useful in their art well managed in England.

To conclude, it is requisite that what may be adjudged prudent be done with all diligence, lest Ireland become so fixed in the manufactory of wool (so destructive to England) that the case become irretrievable, or at least more difficult than at present, and that, till the Parliaments of each kingdom make some settlements thereof, intimations of his Majesty's pleasure be given concerning the same. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 21.*]

[Aug. 30?] Samuel Hodgkin to Williamson. Yesterday arrived here two vessels from the Texel, which met with much foul weather, and fell in with a Dunkirk privateer who plundered them, but, one of their masters being acquainted with the captain, they came off with less damage than some others in their company. We have had several storms of late, and hear of some vessels lost and others damaged. Wind N.W. [*Undated, but endorsed as received 3 Sept. Ibid. No. 22.*]

Aug. 30.
4 p.m.
Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. About 1 this morning arrived in the Downs a merchant from Januway (? Genoa). Betwixt Portland and the Isle of Wight he met with five Argier men-of-war. He was on board one of them, who treated him very kindly. The wind is just now come N.W. and by N. and the fleet of merchantmen are going to set sail. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]

Aug. 30.
Lyme. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Shipping news. From Brittany we hear that the Duc de Chaulnes, the governor, has got a good force together, and is looking after the mutineers, who now disperse and hide away. They had news there not only of the loss of Créqui's army, but also of some regiments since in Alsatia. To-day, being the election of our new mayor, William Smith was chosen, one of the greatest merchants of this port. Sir John Strode, Mr. Strange-ways and many other eminent persons in these parts were at the feast. We had the great guns for their welcome with other demonstrations of their affections. [*Ibid. No. 24.*]

Aug. 30.
Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]

Aug. 30.
Pendennis. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Requesting the continuance of news from him, as he himself has not failed to send intelligence and will do so in future twice or at least once a week. Wind N.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 26.*]

Aug. 30.
Windsor. Warrant for a pardon to Sir John Croxton, outlawed for killing John Gilliot, a bailiff, who with other bailiffs endeavoured to arrest him for debts contracted by his wife before marriage and not known to him, he being then in the King's service under the Earl of Oxford, and having always conducted himself peaceably [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 143.*]

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 Aug. 30 *Caveats* that nothing pass of the estate of David Owens', forfeited
 and for killing Henry Farmer of Knucky (Knockin), Shropshire, the same
 Sept. 24. being granted to Edward Owens. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 14*
and p. 16.]
- [Before
 Aug. 31.] Notice to Williamson of a meeting of the Court of Assistants of
 the Royal Company at the African House, Throgmorton Street, at
 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 31 Aug. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373,*
No. 27.]
- Aug. 31. Richard Potts to Williamson. These two or three days there has
 Stockton. been stormy and rainy weather, wind northerly, now pleasant fair
 weather, wind southerly. [*Ibid. No. 28.*]
- Aug. 31. Silas Taylor to Williamson. At 5 yesterday morning arrived one
 Harwich. of our packet-boats. She was forced by bad weather to set the
 mail and passengers ashore at Lowestoft. They left the Brill
 Wednesday, and brought no news. Wind northerly yesterday and
 to-day. [*Ibid. No. 29.*]
- Aug. 31. Captain Thomas Langley to Williamson. Your former kindness
 Harwich. emboldens me to trouble you with a petition which will be presented
 to you by my relation. My grievance, as you will understand after
 the perusal of it, is very hard. The 26th of last month Mr. Care of
 this town and myself sent in a ship of our own several goods for
 Gottenberg. When she was near her port and a Swedish pilot on
 board, the 7th instant a Swedish privateer took and plundered our
 ship, the master and company at their pleasure, and 10 or 12 hours
 after an Ostend privateer took our ship and the Swede and carried
 both into Krogero in Norway, and put our things into the hands of
 the Governor who evilly entreats our master and company. [*Ibid.*
No. 30.]
- Aug. 31. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday afternoon the whole
 Deal. fleet of outward-bound merchant ships sailed except some great
 ships with a bare wind then at N.N.W. It is since at N.W. If it
 blows they must come in again. The packet for the Governor of
 Virginia is yet in my hands, not one Virginia ship yet coming down,
 but expected. [*Ibid. No. 31.*]
- Aug. 31. James Welsh to Williamson. Yesterday morning passed by to
 Eye. the westward De Ruyter with his fleet of, 'tis thought, about 40 men-
 of-war. [*Ibid. No. 32.*]
- Aug. 31. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Yesterday the wind came
 Portsmouth. northerly and the Dutch ships sailed, that lay all this time at
 St. Helens Road. [*Ibid. No. 33.*]
- Aug. 31. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. No ships have arrived since my
 Plymouth. last. [*Ibid. No. 34.*]
- Aug. 31. Grant of the King's right in the personal estate of John Ryvett,
 of St. Sepulchre's parish, London, *felo de se*, to Eleanor, his widow.
 Minute. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book 26, f. 201.*]
- Aug. 31. The King to the Governor and Council of the Massachusetts
 Windsor. Colony. Samuel Bellingham has presented us with a petition

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setting forth that Richard, his father, the late Governor of the colony, died about two years since, possessed of considerable estate, and notwithstanding his declarations a short time before his death of his intention to give his whole estate to his said son, his only son and heir, yet by the contrivance of some persons about him, taking advantage of the petitioner's absence (then in Germany by his father's consent to study physic), and his father being *non compos*, a will was signed by him, not only contrary to his said declaration but almost to his utter ruin, and also that he had by letter of attorney authorized Richard Wharton, a merchant of Boston, on his father's decease to enter in his name on his father's estate, not imagining it could be disposed from him, and the rather, because his father sold and engaged several lands in England which were entailed on the petitioner for the better settling of him in his possession there, and that, though the said attorney had entered several *caveats* against the probate of the will, yet contrary to law, through the interest of the persons named executors and trustees, probate thereof has been obtained, but that, as the same has not yet passed the General Assembly, he conceives he is not concluded by it, we therefore recommend you in a very special manner to allow the said Bellingham a speedy rehearing of his cause according to the laws of the colony, and further recommend you not to suffer the interest or credit of any parties to the case to obstruct a rehearing or to prevail above the merits, but that the same may be determined impartially, directing that an account be returned to us of your proceedings therein, and, being informed that some injuries have been offered to the said Bellingham's attorney in acting for him, we therefore recommend you to take care that the said attorney or whoever else shall be employed by the said Bellingham be protected from all attempts or injuries. (*See S.P. Col., America &c., 1675-6, p. 271.*) [*Precedents 1, f. 102.*]

Aug. 31. Warrant at the request of Walter and Samuel Tucker for making free the ketch called the *Charity*, of Lyme, an English built ship, which having sustained much damage at sea was rebuilt at Rotterdam, wherefore they fear difficulties may be made in admitting her to the rights and privileges of an English vessel. [*Ibid. f. 103.*]

Aug. 31. Creation of Sir Arthur Forbes to be Baron Claneheugh and Viscount Granard of the Kingdom of Ireland. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. The Earl of St. Albans to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, who was for many years brigadier of the Queen's company of Guards, of whom he had spoken to his Majesty, whom he presumes Williamson will find very willing to give him the recommendation he desires. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 35.*]

Aug. Latin elegiacs and English verses on the death of Mr. Fisher from a fever, by Aldrovand Everard. [*Ibid. No. 36.*]

Aug. Latin elegiacs addressed to Williamson by Philip Musgrave. [*Ibid. No. 37.*]

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Secretary Coventry to the Attorney-General. The Lord Chamberlain to the Queen complained to me last night that La Roche, a Frenchman, tailor to the Queen, though a *nolle prosequi* was put in by Order of Council, was still prosecuted and at last convicted, and put this letter into my hands to be sent by his Majesty's order to the Lord Treasurer for him to send to the officers of the Exchequer. Pray let me know what you think the legal and best way to save this poor man from ruin, to which his Majesty is inclined as thinking the thing reasonable, he being both a stranger and the Queen's servant. [*Precedents* 1, f. 98.]

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Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 373. No.	Date.	King's Ships.	Outward Bound.	Inward Bound.	Wind.	Remarks.
38	Aug. 1	4	6	1	S.W.	
39	" 2	3	10	2	S.W.	
40	" 3	3	11	0	—	
41	" 4	3	12	0	W.	
42	" 5	3	12	0	S.E.	
43	" 7	4	1	0	N.E.	
44	" 8	4	1	0	N.E.	
45	" 9	4	3	0	S.W.	
46	" 10	4	5	0	S.W.	
47	" 11	5	5	2	—	
48	" 12	4	6	8	S.	
49	" 13	4	9	0	S.W.	
50	" 14	4	13	1	W.	
51	" 15	4	12	0	N.W.	
52	" 16	4	14	1	W.	
53	" 18	4	20	0	N.E.	
54	" 19	4	30	0	S.W.	
55	" 20	5	32	1	S.W.	
56	" 21	5	38	0	N.W.	
57	" 22	5	0	0	N.N.W.	
58	" 23	6	2	0	S.W.	
59	" 24	6	0	0	S.W.	
60	" [26?]	5	46	0	—	
61	" 27	5	49	3	S.W.	
62	" 28	5	49	0	—	
63	" 29	6	49	3	S.W.	(Most of the outward-bound merchantships are at sail, the rest preparing.
64	" 30	7	0	0	N.W.	
65	" 31	8	1	2	N.N.W.	

* Misdated 2 July.

[Before Sept. 1.] Notice to Williamson to meet the Committee of Correspondence at the African House on Wednesday, 1 Sept., at 8 a.m. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 66.*]

Sept. 1. Lord Morpeth to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, formerly his father's cook. [*Ibid. No. 67.*]

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Sept. 1. Edward Sculthorpe to Williamson. Requesting his assistance in
Careby. procuring for his son the living of Collie Weston, Northants, which
is in the Lord Keeper's gift and is likely to fall vacant, the incum-
bent being desperately ill. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 68.]
- Sept. 1. Thomas Cale to Williamson. Requesting the continuance of his
Bristol. letters of news, and offering to send him the news of that place in
return by each post. [*Ibid.* No. 69.]
- Sept. 1. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. A fleet of about 40 sail passed
Weymouth. about 3 yesterday afternoon by Portland westwards judged to be
the Dutch fleet. [*Ibid.* No. 70.]
- Sept. 2. Sir Edward Mansell to Williamson. Your news was very welcome,
guessing how acceptable it will be to the whole nation to be so
probably secured of one of their greatest fears, which, I hope, may
put us in so good a temper about next meeting that we may be able
to do something. [*Ibid.* No. 71.]
- Sept. 2. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Both light and laden ships pass daily,
Bridlington. the wind being now much northerly. [*Ibid.* No. 72.]
- Sept. 2. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday evening arrived one of
Harwich. our packet-boats. The master informs me that it is reported at the
Brill that the Prince of Orange has had three or four towns, which
the French had got from the Spaniards, delivered up to him,
and that the Dutch *Gazettes* write of a late great victory of the
Imperialists over the French. By a letter I saw the places
surrendered to the Prince are said to be Binch, Charlemont, and
the Castle of Louvain, that the French army under the Prince of
Condé is retreated to Brisach, that in the last encounter, either the
Prince of Condé himself or his son was slain, that the Hollanders
after the taking of Philipsburg and two or three towns more, which
I have heard named, are already marching Count Montecuccoli
directly to Paris.
- I was informed by one lately come from Strasburg that the
French had caused to be hanged two or three of the chief inhabi-
tants of Treves over the outside of the walls, which had so incensed
the Germans, that they will not accept of the surrender of it on
any other terms than that the French there shall deliver them-
selves up prisoners of war. Justice is pretended in this case, if
the story be true, but it is doubted revenge is intended. [*Ibid.*
No. 73.]
- Sept. 2. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 74.]
- Sept. 2. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind northerly. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 75.]
- [Before
Sept. 3.] Notice to [Williamson] that a Court of Assistants of the Royal
African Company is appointed at the African House, Throgmorton
Street, at 3 p.m. on Friday, 3 Sept. [*Printed. Ibid.* No. 76.]
- Sept. 3. John Moore to Williamson. Praying him to appoint a time and
London. place when he may wait on him. [*Ibid.* No. 77.]

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Sept. 3. M. Warton to Williamson. Giving him all the acknowledgements imaginable for keeping him in his memory. We have a discourse here, as if the Parliament shall not meet at the appointed time. Please let me know when our master resolves as to it. The prevention of a journey would give an old man ease, and it would be pleasurable to hear Whitehall to be the check for treasure (for little money is to be found in the country), lest, if they meet, there will billing for it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 78.*]
- Sept. 3. Sir Francis Russell to Williamson. Beseeching him to accept
Strensham. his most humble and obedient thanks for having him in remembrance, and supposing that in October he shall have the honour of waiting on him in town. [*Ibid. No. 79.*]
- Sept. 3. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind southerly.
Stockton. [*Ibid. No. 80.*]
- Sept. 3. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. Many more are in sight, supposed to be part of this fleet. On Sunday sevensnight a servant woman and a girl having a prejudice against the mistress of the house conspired to poison her. They put mercury into her broth, and, after she had eaten a little, she found herself sick. She leaving the broth, her husband ate some of it, which also made him sick, after which their daughter took up more broth to what they left and ate it all up. They were poisoned, and the next day the woman of the house died, since which the daughter is dead, and the old man is very ill, and supposed not to recover. The Mayor has secured the two servants, who will be sent to Exeter Gaol on Monday. [*Ibid. No. 81.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 81 1.]
- Sept. 4. Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Gunter Oulson, an alien born
in Norway, took before him the oath of allegiance and supremacy that day. [*Ibid. No. 82.*]
- Sept. 4. William Chetwynd to Williamson. How could you find out such
Rugeley. a trifle busied amongst haymakers and reapers? Surely it was a frolic to play with flies. I have scarce been sober since I had yours. You have been steeped five days in the best claret, sherry, hockmore (hockheimer), rinko (Rhinegau), &c., I was master of, which has made you fresh in our memories. Dr. Smallwood, the thrice worthy Dean of Lichfield, Sir Robert Holt, my cousin the member, and the cripple captain have all swallowed you. A glass of wine with a dram of Sir Joseph in it works beyond antimony or *crocus metallorum*. To-day two blades have been here that have put hard at me, so that I am almost come to the opening of my doublet. Without doing that, you know the heart of your dog and slave. [*Ibid. No. 83.*]
- Sept. 4. Miles Pennington to Williamson. I intercede on behalf of
Cockermouth. William Tubman, an honest man, expert in the laws and fit for the management of what shall be desired by me, which is that you will be instrumental in procuring to him the land-waiter's place which Roger Ives in Newcastle, lately deceased, had, the disposal whereof is in the Lord Treasurer, if he please, otherwise in the power of Sir William Lowther, Mr. Garraway, and the other Commissioners

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of the Customs, so, if any coal-waiter or other Custom officer obtain it, then that the above person may be admitted to the vacant place or to the first that falls. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 84.*]

Sept. 4.
Harwich.

Thomas Langley to Williamson. By the packet-boat arrived to-day came over 14 poor soldiers, who were taken by the Dutch and were of the Duke of Monmouth's regiment. These poor people are a continual charge not only to myself in particular, but to this town in general, for they are so poor that not one in ten has a penny, so that the burden is greater to this town than all our own poor, which the town has desired me to pray your help in.

I have also advice that the Princess Dowager is dead at the Hague.

I thank you for getting my former bill ordered by the Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Commissioners, but as yet I cannot get it assigned. I hope you believe I would do his Majesty all the services I can, but my chargeable and long forbearance is heavy to be borne. I pray your favourable assistance, else it will almost break me. [*Ibid. No. 85.*]

Sept. 4.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Early this morning one of our packet-boats arrived. We are informed that it is commonly reported that the Prince of Orange and the French army often face one another, and that he offers the French battle, but they refuse it. It must needs be so, if it comes from Holland. Last Sunday the Princess Dowager of Orange died. The wind is most northerly and has been so these three days. [*Ibid. No. 86.*]

Sept. 4.
Windsor.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. He has heard of the death of Dr. Tomkyns, late canon residentiary there, and has formerly written in behalf of some persons to be admitted canons, but finding that James Lake, senior prebendary there, whom in ordinary course they would elect, is a sober, learned, and grave divine, and eminently qualified for preferment, and a great sufferer for loyalty, he is unwilling to prejudice him, and therefore intends his former letters not to exclude him, if they wish to elect him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 74.*]

Sept. 5.
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Richard Watts to Williamson. A great fleet now in the Thames are coming down outward-bound to all foreign parts, some are also in the Gore, Margate road, and at the Nore. At least ten sail are in the Downs, bound for Holland, English ships, masters and men. The wind fresh at East. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 87.*]

Sept. 5.
Windsor.

The King to the Commissioners for regulating Hackney Coaches. Being informed that William Sermon, who had a licence to drive a hackney coach, and his widow, who after his death kept the said coach, are both deceased, and that the said Sermon was very nearly related to the wife of John Bartlet, one of the King's coachmen, directing them to grant him a licence to drive and keep a hackney coach in the room of the said Sermon's widow. [*Precedents 1, f. 108.*]

Sept. 6.
Lynn.

Edward Bodham to Williamson. To-day arrived two ships in 13 days from the Sound. They report the war between the Danes

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and Swedes absolutely broken out, and all Swedish shipping and goods seized in the Sound. At their coming from thence the report was very strong that the King of Sweden was poisoned. They put in at Oastrise (Osterrisör) in Norway, where was the like report of the King's being poisoned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 88.]

Sept. 6.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. About 12 months since Colonel Whitley desired Mr. Page to propound to me my managing the Post Office here again, as I did formerly. Accordingly I then came from London in order to settle the office so as might be best for his Majesty's service and your content, and, when I returned to London, the Colonel pretended he could not alter the existing settlement, but gave me no reasons to this day, so my labour and charge were lost, and myself incapacitated for doing you the service I then promised myself to do. I am forced to give you this account, for, at my last waiting on you, you expressed your displeasure at the ill keeping of the list of the ships in the Downs, and demanded who I employed to write it, by which I find you understood I was in the employment of the Post Office, and so responsible for the ill management thereof. The premises will, I hope, so satisfy you, that I shall not fall under your displeasure for miscarriage in an affair I am not concerned in. [*Ibid.* No. 89.]

Sept. 6.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Thanking him for the correspondence letter of the 4th just received. About post time yesterday arrived a ship from Barbados, which confirms the news of the rising of the blacks. The greatest number together was 500, at the head of whom was one they chose for their king. All their ring-leaders were hanged, burned or beheaded, and they brought into their former obedience.

It blew very hard last night but no harm was done to the fleet in the Downs. God has sent us a very pleasant wheat harvest all our county over with very much good corn. The barns at most places are not able to hold it all, but they put their gray corn, viz., peas and tares, in stacks. Barley is very much in barn and that also stacked for want of barn room. Wind last night and now E.N.E. It blows yet more than a topsail gale. [*Ibid.* No. 90.]

Sept. 6.
Portsmouth

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 91.]

Sept. 6.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. The 4th passed by about 40 great ships to the southward, supposed to be the Dutch fleet. Several small vessels are in the harbour, amongst them two French sloops of Brest, both bound to cruise for intelligence. Two from Bordeaux report that 5 leagues off Ushant they met with 3 Alger men-of-war, one of 36 and the others of 30 guns each, each treble manned. They took from them some wine and brandy and other provisions. Wind still E. [*Ibid.* No. 92.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 2nd came in here two small French men-of-war from Brest, and, as soon as they came in, the two captains took horse for Plymouth when they understood that part of the Dutch fleet lay there. They came back again the 4th and put to sea this morning with intelligence that the Dutch fleet

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are passed by for the Straits, being sent out for that purpose. Yesterday came in here some vessels from the East, that say that the Dutch fleet passed before this harbour on Saturday night about 9, in two squadrons, in one De Ruyter with 10 men-of-war, and about 40 merchantmen, and in the other 4 men-of-war and about 30 merchantmen, the wind at N.E. (News of the three Turks men-of-war as in the last). They had been about 30 days out of Argier, and had met with no prizes, so they were forced to take these goods from them for a receipt. They did not in the least abuse the masters or men by words or blows. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 93.*]

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Pass for Lady Goring of Burton and her son-in-law, Richard Biddulph and Anne, his wife, to travel to France with their servants and 40*l.* in money with a clause that none of them shall keep company with Jesuits or resort to any of their seminaries, and that they shall return when recalled. [*Precedents 1, f. 104.*]

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Windsor.

The King to the Bailiff or his Lieutenant and the Jurats of the Royal Court of Jersey. Whereas John Fautrat of Jersey has represented by his petition that, having right to certain lands, houses, &c., descended to him by the decease of his ancestors in Jersey, part of which had been long since purchased by his father from Aron le Tubelin, who died very much in debt, so that after his death his estate real and personal came under renunciation, and a decree was, according to the custom of Jersey, had on his children's estate, which the petitioner being informed of, he gave express orders to his proctors that, in case it should come to his turn either to renounce or declare himself tenant of the said inheritance, they should not renounce, but in his name declare themselves tenants of the whole estate, real and personal, of the said le Tubelin and his children, but that, when it came to the petitioner's turn, his said proctors contrary to his express orders renounced to the petitioner's right in the said inheritance to his very great damage, and also represented that our subjects there can no other way be relieved in such cases but by the royal prerogative, reserved by the ancient laws and custom of that island, exercised by our ancestors, Dukes of Normandy, which the laws of Normandy term *Relief du Prince*, and therefore prayed us to interpose and grant him our Royal Relief, and whereas we referred his petition to the Attorney-General, who, having considered the same and likewise the laws of Normandy and a precedent in the like case, has reported that we may fitly grant our royal letters on the petitioner's behalf, we accordingly require you to admit the said John Fautrat to be tenant of the inheritances of the said le Tubelin and his children, notwithstanding the renunciation entered upon record, or your having admitted any other tenant of the said inheritances, and to take care that he be put in the very same capacity, as he was at the time his proctors renounced to his right to the said inheritances, and that he may reap the same benefit of the laws and customs of Jersey, as if no such renunciation had been. [*2½ pages. Ibid.*]

Sept. 7.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last Saturday with an easterly wind, which has continued ever since, passed by us for the Thames a great fleet of laden colliers.

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About 8 Sunday evening one of our packet-boats arrived. The passengers inform us that Treves was taken by storm (the day I could not learn), that Monsr. Créqui had fortified a church in the town, that on the first entering of the Germans they gave no quarter, till they met with a stop at the church, that there Monsr. Créqui made his capitulations, &c. I could not attain to a perfect account of it, notwithstanding by this packet-boat came over some English soldiers, which were then in the town. All I learnt from them was that they escaped with their lives by retiring to the contrary part of the town to which it was entered. I had not your Saturday's account. How it miscarried I know not. I presume I should have met with a full account of Treves, which I desire I may have in writing if not intended to be made public. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 873, No. 94.*]

- Sept. 7. Major Nathaniel Darell to Williamson. Three Hull hoys laden with lead are ashore on the Buoy of the Shoe. The King's yacht that ran ashore on Grain Sand is got off. A worthy gentleman of this country and a faithful servant to Mr. Secretary Williamson, Mr. William Slaughter, a true honourer of you at Queen's College and the best and loyalest spiritual father we have, is now drinking your health. [*Ibid. No. 95.*]
- Sept. 7. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. About 10 to-day arrived the packet from Nieuport, bringing over several English and Dutch gentlemen, who say the report in Flanders is that the Prince of Orange intends to besiege Charleroy, and, on the success of the Germans, 'tis altogether discoursed of the Confederates invading France. [*Ibid. No. 96.*]
- Sept. 7. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. The body of the Lord Ambassador Lockier (Lockhart) continues here aboard the vessel that brought it from France, which with the *Merlin* yacht goes for Scotland when the wind favours. [*Ibid. No. 97.*]
- Sept. 7. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Last Sunday morning De Ruyter came before this harbour with part of his fleet, and took with him the remainder which came here before and the Dutch East India ship which has lain here so long. [*Ibid. No. 98.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 98i.*]
- Sept. 8. Sir Robert Holt to Williamson. We have here, by the help of a strong imagination, killed all the French over and over, routed Condé horse and foot, taken bag, baggage and cannon; and we say the enraged Mounsieur, who burns his Reinickes faster that they can make them, has by villanous love powder sent the Prince and his son, the Duke d'Enghien, on an errand to Collie Weston, the receptacle of the departed Hawkes. If all this and five times as much more be not as great truths as ever Knox or Buchanan delivered, I'll never believe Jack Presbyter again, to which we add that you are so Mounsieurefied at Court that you dare not let the Parliament sit, the certainty of which is indeed the errand of this paper, and which if you please to grant, you will highly oblige me. I was at Will Chetwynd's, where we sacrificed a moumper à vostre santé. [*Ibid. No. 99.*]

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Beamish.

William Christian to Williamson. I humbly beg pardon for my long silence, but my absence from home, and the great indisposition of myself, wife and whole family for the sufferings of my poor little boy, your godson, who has been these several weeks extreme ill and weak, put me past all thoughts either of obligation or manners. He is now pretty hearty again, and begins to eat, for this last month he has taken nothing but the breast and that but sometimes. I am now removing to Newcastle with my family, Sir Francis Anderson being chosen Mayor and myself sheriff of that town and county. My wife keeps house for us both. The town allows us 550*l. per annum* besides all perquisites, which may be twice as much, as I am informed.

Mr. Vane stands in his brother's room, and has, as is said, made my Lord of Durham and most of the gentry of his side. Since the assizes I have not seen any of them, having been out of the country till Saturday last.

My friends at Durham keep constant in their kindness to me. If the writs come for that town, I doubt not to have as good an interest as any, and be thought fit to serve my King and country by those who have the electing of members there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 100.*]

Sept. 8.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning came from the Thames Captain George Purvis of Limehouse, to whom I delivered the packet for Sir William Berkeley, he being bound to Virginia, and to the place where that Governor lives. He has promised great care in delivery. About five days hence will one come down bound for Maryland, and about 14 days hence more bound to Virginia. The wind has been very high these three days and nights, but not any prejudice to any ships in the Downs. More than a topsail gale at E.N.E. [*Ibid. No. 101.*]

Sept. 8.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Clerk of the Signet. Desiring him to enter a *careat* that no grant pass of the office of Serjeant-at-Arms to the House of Commons till notice be given him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 14.*] •

Sept. 9.

List of the prisoners for judgment at the general gaol delivery holden for the City of London, and at the Middlesex Sessions held at Justice Hall in the Old Bailey on that day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 102.*]

Sept. 9.
Harwich

Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news. A strong N.E. wind. [*Ibid. No. 103.*]

Sept. 9.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. No news. [*Ibid. No. 104.*]

Sept. 9.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind W.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 105.*]

Sept. 9.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 7th came in the *Abraham* of London with salt from Burnesse. There came out with him the *Queen of Swedland* of Stockholm and the *Queen of Poland* of Dantzic. Off Ushant four Argier men-of-war came up with them,

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and took both the said vessels, and came on board this vessel, and took away most of their provision, and carried their cook, a Dutchman, on board the man-of-war, and gave him several blows on the soles of his feet to make him confess that they belonged to Allents (?aliens) but the master telling them they should have a care they did not break the peace, they left the man and some other Allents he had on board. There also came in the *Rebecca* of London laden with tobacco and furs from Virginia. They say all things are well there, and that provision begins to grow plentiful. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 106.*]

Sept. 9.
Windsor.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor. Recommending for their first vacant benefice Dr. John Durell, canon residentiary there, and his Majesty's chaplain, who has deserved well by services to the late King and himself, and by his writings in several languages in defence of the Church of England. He is the senior canon who has no benefice in the donation of the said church, except the Bishop of Chichester, who is otherwise provided for, and has no living with cure of souls. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 187.*]

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Warrant for respite of any sentence on Sir Thomas Armstrong, if found guilty of killing — Scroope. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 144.*]

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Windsor
Castle.

Warrant for a patent creating the King's natural son, Charles Lenox, Duke of Lenox, Earl of Darnley and Lord Tarbolton in the kingdom of Scotland, with remainder to the heirs male of his body, the Dukes of Lenox having for many ages been eminent peers of Scotland, and it being his Majesty's pleasure that the titles which belonged to the Dukes of Lenox and are now descended on his Majesty as heir male to the late Duke of Lenox should not be suppressed and confounded in his royal person, but that they should be kept up and settled on a person of near relation. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 338.*]

Sept. 10.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. The wind is come northerly this forenoon with rainy weather. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 107.*]

Sept. 10.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 108.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 108 I.*]

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J. Bellman (? Williamson) to ———. Yours of the 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th and 17th of this month have been received and Madame thanks you for the pains you are taking about the lace she wishes for from those countries. She begs you to continue them. She will remit you by the next ordinary 100 *Jacobuses* in addition to what your sister of Kerry is to send you from here. The 150 *Jacobuses* which you are to employ for the pictures at Antwerp will be supplied you at sight. [*Copy in the hand of one of Williamson's clerks. French. Ibid. No. 109.*]

[Sept. ?]

Margaret, Lady Herbert, widow of Sir Edward Herbert, to the King. Petition praying for a lease of certain lands now in jointure to the Queen in the parishes or manors of Chertsey, Weybridge and Walton on Thames for 99 years in reversion, to commence after the

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terms which shall be unexpired at her Majesty's decease by virtue of any lease made by her since. Her husband having been in the late and the present King's service in the late rebellion, she had no benefit of his or her own estate for 20 years, whereby she contracted great debts, and was damaged 20,000*l.* in her own estate. *At the side,*

Sept. 11. *Reference thereof to the Lord High Treasurer.* [*S.P. Dom.,*
Whitehall. *Car. II. 373, No. 110.*]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 45.*]

[Sept. 11.] Memorandum to enter *careats* at the Secretary's office, that nothing be done by the patentees of Connecticut to the prejudice of his Royal Highness' interest at New York before notice given to Sir John Werden, his secretary. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 111.*]

Sept. 11. T. Aslaby to Williamson. We are informed by several masters
Bridlington. in our ships from Holland that two Dunkirk capers have taken 8 or 10 Holland busses with two frigates, their convoys. [*Ibid. No. 112.*]

Sept. 11. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news. A N.E. wind has made
Harwich. tempestuous weather these three or four days. [*Ibid. No. 113.*]

Sept. 11. Thomas Cale to Williamson. All of note here this week is the
Bristol. sailing of about 24 merchant ships to several places of the Straits and West Indies, and the muster of our City train bands last Thursday. [*Ibid. No. 114.*]

Sept. 11. The King to the Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius
Whitehall. College. As Thomas Fuller, junior Fellow of their college, has gone beyond the seas, and wishes to remain there 3 years without any other loss than the ordinary deduction of his stipend usual in cases of absence, ordering their compliance with his request, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 76.*]

Sept. 11. *Careat* that nothing pass in favour of the patentees of Connecticut in America to the prejudice of the Duke of York's interest at New York before notice given to Sir John Werden. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 14.*]

Sept. 11. On the petition of Viscount Ranelagh and his partners praying
Whitehall. his Majesty by a further order of reference to empower the Lord Keeper, the Lord High Treasurer, and the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to hear and examine what difficulties, queries, and proposals are or shall be offered to them relating to the petitioners' undertaking, and to state and settle the same, reference thereof to the above three lords, who are to report their opinion to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 44.*]

Sept. 12. Sir Richard Ford to Williamson. The clerks of Christ's Hospital
Bawdwins, in Kent. found me here yesterday by order of the President to invite me to attend him to-morrow, when by your order the petition to his

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Majesty for the disposal of the children of his royal foundation is to be presented, which I should have most readily obeyed, if some indisposition of body had not unhappily prevented me. Therefore I presume to enclose you this paper, which I should otherwise have personally delivered, which I submit to your judgement, and doubt not you will put the charity and honest intention of it in the balance against the ignorance or mistakes of it. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 878, No. 115.] *Enclosed,*

Proposals for rendering more useful the royal foundation for the maintenance and education of 40 poor children in the mathematical arts and navigation.

Those who shall be reported by the Trinity House to be sufficiently ripened to be put into the practice of navigation be thus disposed of:—

1. *One to be assigned to each of the commanders of the Navy to be his clerk and keep the journal of his navigation, receiving a midshipman's pay.*
2. *The master and pilot of each ship to be specially commanded to exercise them in the practice of navigation, and making drafts of land and soundings of ports.*
3. *If there be more boys than can be thus disposed of, that the Royal African, East India, Turkey, Russia, and Eastland Companies be recommended to entertain them in such manner and with such salary as is proposed for his Majesty's own ships.*
4. *The boys who have made their first voyage to East India be sent the next voyage in the service of one of the other companies and so successively, till they have seen the navigation of all parts of the world.*
5. *The Trinity House to keep an account under what commanders the boys are placed for the first voyage, and to take care on their return they are sent on another successively.*
6. *In the intervals of their voyages the boys to reside in some of his Majesty's yards.*
7. *The boys to wear perpetually a badge to remind them of what they owe to his Majesty's bounty, and to make it known to all nations.* [Ibid. No. 115i.]

Another copy of the above paper. [Ibid. No. 116.]

Sept. 12. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. By these easterly
Portsmouth. winds 30 or 40 Dutch ships with a convoy are put into Cowes Road, all homeward-bound, from the Straits and other parts. [Ibid. No. 117.]

Sept. 12. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing an account of some
Plymouth. Turks men-of-war in the Channel. Several small vessels arrived to-day. [Ibid. No. 118.] *Enclosed,*

Two Turks men-of-war, the Orange Tree and Dudley Tree, of Argier (two more of them were cruising at sea) took out of the Exchange of London, from Burnesse with salt, bound for Amsterdam, off the Scames and West Penmarks six men, viz., three Dutchmen, one Shetlander, one Scotchman, and one of Ipswich, 5 Sept. [Ibid. No. 118i.]

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Sept. 12. Note that the King has granted the goods of Mr. Sembale, who killed Sir Richard Sandford 8 September, to Mr. Randue. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 45, p. 15.]

Sept. 12. Notes by Williamson. The King.—References, on Lord Ranelagh's, Lady Herbert's, Bradshaw's petitions. Pensions to spies, De Vic, Pardens (?) but 100*l. per annum*, Nipho, Stoupe in France, Blood. The Blue Boys, address ready the 15th. Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, &c. Sir Stephen Fox's paper of information. The order about foreign points, &c., Sir G. Downing's sense upon it. Duke of York, Lord O'Brien's compliments, have sent Lady Herbert's petition.

Resolved: The two points of the Marine Treaty to be sent to the late Commissioners, &c. for their opinion. Letters to be written to the parties in war to dispatch their ambassadors to the assembly, to send papers for respective ministers. To the two Northern Kings, their falling out, they were never in the war, &c., knowing how well disposed they have been ever to the peace, to offer the King's mediation.

Sweden.—The Ambassador to have the business of the capers reminded to him. *N.B.*—A severe rule in the treaty 1664-5. His note to me. Our treaty with them to be drawn up by the Committee of the Board, &c. Protestant church at Riga, &c., as they have one Lutheran here, &c.

Denmark.—Their minister to be warned of the capers.

The Foreign Committee. Holland.—1. The negotiation of the peace. i. What function to Sir W. Temple either as to the treaty, as to the preliminaries, as to the conditions of France. V[an] B[euning] has orders to press our ambassadors to part for the assembly. Sweden presses them. The Chancellor in Sweden the minister. To write to the parties to send their ambassadors. ii. As to the defensive treaty, they think it falls short. Ready upon both, when Sir W. Temple speaks out. 2. The two remaining points of the general Marine Treaty. 3. Du Moulin sent to Montecuccoli. 4. Surinam :—matter well executed. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 366, p. 25.]

Sept. 13. Thomas Atterbury to Williamson. Last Tuesday we sailed from
The Gravesend, wind then N.E., and this afternoon anchored here,
Hopewell, having had bad weather. The wind is now so fair for us, that I
in the Downs. fear we shall not stay to receive letters from shore. We are told that within eight weeks we shall be at Bermuda, from which you shall not fail to have a particular account of the whole voyage. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 373, No. 119.]

Sept. 13. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This morning a flyboat from
Deal. Ostend coming in at the South Foreland borrowed so much of the shore that she ran aground on a sandbank near Kingsdown, and there sat one whole tide, but with the help of Deal boats and men she is got off this high water and is come into the Downs. She is little damaged. She is a lowndroger bound for London. The *Garland*, *Speedwell*, and *Deptford* ketch are all ready to sail to convoy the herring fishing at Yarmouth, and only stay for a wind, which is at present N.E. and by N. [*Ibid.* No. 120.]

Sept. 13. Richard Watts to Williamson. Giving an account of the Ostender
Deal. as in the last. The winds have been very high these eight days. The storm ended last night. A topsail gale at N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 121.]

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Sept. 13. Francis Bellott to Williamson. The wind has continued E. for
Pendennis. several days. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 122.]
- Sept. 13. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 10th came in the *Benjamin*
Falmouth. of and for London from Bordeaux with wines. They speak of the
Argier men-of-war on the coast, and saw four about Mount's Bay,
and suppose one or two were at anchor there. There is also here
the *Owners' Delight* of and for London with tobacco from Antigua.
They say that place is in a very good condition and all things
plentiful. Yesterday came in the *James* of Waterford from Havre
loaden with dogs for St. Sebastian for the King of Spain's use.
Several vessels here homeward-bound are putting to sea this morn-
ing, the wind N.N.W., and, if it come more westerly, I believe the
rest will put to sea this afternoon. [*Ibid., No.* 123.]
- Sept. 13. Notes by Williamson of the tenders made by various persons for
the farm of the duties on proceedings at law for three years from
22 Oct. next, and the conditions made by them. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]
- Sept. 13. Sir J. Williamson to the Clerk of the Signet. Desiring that no
Whitehall. grant pass of the office of searcher of the ports of the City of
Dublin and of Wicklow, with the members thereto belonging,
without notice to him, with note that notice is to be given to Mr.
Gould at the King's Head, Pall Mall. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45,
p. 15.]
- [Sept. ?] William Scott to the King. Petition, stating a grant by the late
King in the 19th year of his reign to Richard Marcum and the
petitioner and to the survivor of them of the office of searcher,
gauger, and packer of the ports, creeks and bays of the City of
Dublin and of the Skerries and Malahide and of Wicklow, and that
he is informed that some persons have a design, by misinforming the
King that the petitioner is dead or otherwise, of getting a grant of
the said office, and praying therefore that a *careat* be entered in
the Signet Office that no grant of the said office be made without
notice to the petitioner. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 385, No. 180.]
- Sept. 13. The King to Ralph Montagu, Master of the Great Wardrobe.
Westminster. Warrant for the delivery to Richard Smith, clerk of the cheque to
the Yeomen of the Guard, of 120 livery coats, viz., 100 for the Body
Guard and 20 for the Yeomen Warders of the Tower, to be made
of fine red cloth guarded with black velvet, with a rose and crown,
the letters C.R., motto and scroll on back and breast of each, all
with silver and gilt spangles, and of 120 pair of red breeches of fine
cloth guarded with the same velvet, 120 velvet bonnets with bands
of crimson, sky colour and white ribbons, 120 pair of grey worsted
stockings, and 120 waist belts of bough and 50 carbine belts, and for
the delivery also to the clerk of the cheque of 120*l.* for provision of
cloth for watching gowns for each man. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office,*
Vol. 9, p. 334.]
- Sept. 13. The King to Sir T. Chicheley, Master General of the Ordnance.
Westminster. Warrant for the delivery to the above named clerk of the cheque
of 20 complete gilt partizans with leather cases for 20 Yeomen
Wardens of the Tower. [*Ibid.*]

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Leedes
Castle.

Lord Culpeper to Williamson. Being come down hither to peruse some papers in order to your commands (of which you shall have a very speedy account as you desired) and [for] my necessary journey to Lincolnshire, Wales, and elsewhere, before the Parliament sits, I am informed that some near relations of mine, who presented a petition to his Majesty against me about midsummer last (of which no notice was ever taken to me, and therefore I looked on it as dismissed), not only persist therein, but, having given out speeches of the encouragement and promises given them, are now gone to London with the assurance to do me mischief. Though they fail to attain their ends, 'tis not to my advantage to have complaints of that kind, and *audacter calumniando aliquid adhaerebit*, but, when I see you, I shall convince you, not only how improper it is for his Majesty ever to concern himself in such businesses, but that this cannot affect me in any proportion to what is alleged. I do not say his Majesty cannot do it, for he can shut up the Exchequer, but I am of opinion that Secretary Coventry, who delivered the petition, if it be delivered, ought to be very tender of putting affairs of *meum* and *tuum*, as this certainly is, out of his just bounds. His Royal Highness spoke to me of it, but, when I showed him the releases and deeds which passed between us, and assured him that I would ever in law and equity waive all privilege of Parliament, he told me he was satisfied and would meddle no farther in it. My brother put in a bill against me in Hilary Term, and obtained a sequestration against me for not appearing, which I would not do, because the petition was then modelling, and I would not be molested in two places. If that had been withdrawn, I had done it immediately, and so will at a day's warning, and 'tis their own default, but, finding their case not relievable there, they would interest his Majesty in it.

I request that, if, without asking his Majesty, you find such a thing delivered and not dismissed, you would let him know that the Courts are the proper places for such suits, where the thing might have been in a fair way of determining ere this, I having promised his Royal Highness to waive all privilege of Parliament, which he thought exceeding fair, and where the validity of deeds, if questioned, may be asserted, and, if these are not questioned, there is no difference at all, for I am ready to pay what is due on them.

I could make an argument that his Majesty owes me much more on orders stopped in the Exchequer than all in question, and part for moneys lent to his own hands, but this is sufficient till I see you, which shall be at farthest before the Parliament shall have sat a week, in which time little business will be done.

By Tuesday next I shall have finished my paper, and at my return shall attend you for your pardon for this trouble.

If you have anything worth my knowledge herein oblige me by directing to me next door to the Coffee-house in Bow Street, Covent Garden, where care will be taken to send them to me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 125.*]

Sept. 14.
Holywell,
Oxford.

Thomas Hyde to Williamson. I received your letter a fortnight ago with a black box and the Persian things therein, of which I had given you a more speedy account, but my right hand, being hurt

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by accident, has been so sore, that I could not always apply myself to business, and now I am forced to borrow a third hand.

I could have wished you had given me some light into the state of our controversy with the Persians, viz., about the ordering of the customs of Ormuz and the other ports in Persia and concerning the abuses complained of in the overseers of the customs and other businesses, and what has been transacted therein between them and us of late years. However, I have made a verbal translation as near as I can, and have sent a paper wherein are some things referring to the Persian letter, which paper may be communicated to any you think fit.

If there is like to go any ambassador or agent to Persia, as is required in the letter, I should take it as a favour if I may have notice of it.

As for making a catalogue of our MSS. which you once mentioned to me, it would be a work of some years, if I attempted to do the whole myself, and also a hard task for me, who have been so lately tired with nine years' hard labour in making and publishing the catalogue of Printed Books, whereby my health is impaired. However, if desirable, I can set it on work by other men's hands, if the University will allow me some assistants, &c., and I will oversee and manage the whole work, and also do my part, especially in the Eastern books, and it may thus be dispatched in some reasonable time. But I have no reason to be very forward in putting business on myself, except it is your desire, having been so slenderly rewarded for nine years' labour already, and am fed here only with empty promises of making my small place better.

But, seeing there are plenty of men who can make catalogues, I appeal to you as a patron of learning whether you do not judge my time might be much better spent in doing some things in my Eastern way of learning, for which perhaps few other men are to be found. Some of the things wherein I could willingly spend my time, and I hope to good effect, are the following, viz., To translate the History of Timur or Tamberlain out of Arabic, with additions by way of annotations out of Persian authors; to give a more exact Persian Grammar and Dictionary; to give a good history of the Persian kings out of their own authors, which was never yet done to much purpose, and to reconcile their chronology with the Greek; to translate out of Arabic the Geography of Abulpheda, Prince of Hamath in Syria, the most exact of all the Eastern geographers, whereby for the Eastern parts the errors of our maps would be detected and amended. Lastly, I would be sure not to omit to employ my Eastern learning towards the explication of some places of Holy Scripture, to which I may perhaps be able to say something which has not been said before, and to the business of Scripture the forementioned geography would also be subservient. If God grants me life and health, any of these things may be done, or all of them by degrees. But, besides the skill in the business to be done, the encouragement of some noble patron is also necessary, who can find out a way to sustain the person who should do the work. For otherwise, if a man is forced to work merely for his bread he cannot study what he himself would, but rather what others please, and is thereby constrained to spend his

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time in doing what perhaps is very different or altogether contrary to that wherein his talent chiefly lies. Therefore some of those preferments which would not require too much attendance and do not bring their work with them, as sinecures, donatives, master-ships of hospitals and the like, would be most proper for such a person, who does not desire thereby to live idly, but is rather desirous to spend his time for the glory of God and the good of the public in his way of study, and I appeal to you whether some of those preferments are not sometimes worse placed.

If any of the things I proposed are thought useful, you know where to find the man who is ready to labour, if he may know where to find a patron to encourage him.

I make bold to communicate to you the enclosed papers printed as specimens of what I intended to publish entirely, by command of a person of quality now deceased, but the making the Catalogue of our public library hindered me from these and all other things. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 126.*] *Enclosed,*

Two specimen pages of an Arabic History of Timour in the upper part of the page and of a Persian in the lower part, with a Latin translation of each, the Persian being written in the reign of Jehan-ghir, and of the first ode of Hafiz, with a Latin translation and a Latin translation of the paraphrase of a Turkish commentator. [Printed. Ibid. Nos. 126 I. II.]

Sept. 14. Richard Potts to Williamson. Several vessels of this place laden
Stockton. with lead, butter, and coals are ready to sail for Rotterdam. Wind southerly. [*Ibid. No. 127.*]

Sept. 14. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday the wind forsook the
Harwich. East, where it had continued so long, and shifted into the N.W. where it continues. No packet-boat has arrived since my last. It's said an English French caper yesterday in our sight yet without the fort seized a Norway man, and left her after taking some goods out of her and setting her aground on the Cork. Should he return to this port, it is much questioned whether the magistrates here could take any cognizance of the fact. [*Ibid. No. 128.*]

Sept. 14. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. This morning
Portsmouth. sailed the *Merlin* yacht, convoy to the vessel that carries for Scotland Lord Lockhart's body. At Gravesend they are to take aboard Lady Lockhart with her servants and then proceed to Scotland. This wind carries away all the ships that were wind-bound in Cowes Road. [*Ibid. No. 129.*]

Sept. 14. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 130.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 130 I.]

Sept. 14. *Caveat* that nothing pass of the estate of Sir John Drake forfeited
for murder. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 15.*]

Sept. 14. Commission to John Smithers to be boader and serjeant at arms
Whitehall. of Dover Castle. Minute. With note that the like commission was given to John Beeching, 30 June, 1673. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 359, p. 38.*]

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Sept. 15. Thomas Benson to Williamson. I have never troubled you on my own account till now, but necessity calls me to it. A murrain fell among my cattle and devoured them, and I am not in a condition to recruit again without assistance. All my desire is to have a protection for 100 head of cattle from Ireland. I shall land them at Flimby, which is in no parish. It is a frequent thing, for 20 ship loads will come in all at once at Chester and none to question them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 131.*]
- Sept. 15. Samuel Hodgkin to Williamson. Yesterday my Lord of Durham came to see this town. He was met by the inhabitants about two miles off, who attended him to the town, and rode with them through the town to the seabanks, where he had the opportunity to see a considerable fleet of colliers pass by from Newcastle southward. He walked back to the town, where he was received and entertained by some persons of quality with a great demonstration of respect and honour. After a short stay he went to Capt. Conyers', where he dined, and the same night went to Durham. Wind W. [*Ibid. No. 132.*]
- Sept. 15. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. About 6 last night the *Garland*, *Speedwell* and *Deptford* ketch sailed for Yarmouth, wind S., and this morning it came to S.W., which has brought in several small vessels from the westward, and also the *Portsmouth* yacht. Just as she came in, it shifted to N.N.W., so that she turns up through the Downs for the river. [*Ibid. No. 133.*]
- Sept. 15. Thomas Cale to Williamson. To-day Sir Robert Cann was elected Mayor, and Mr. Charles Williams and Mr. George Lane sheriffs of this city. [*Ibid. No. 134.*]
- Sept. 15. Warrant to the Duke of Hamilton, Keeper of Holyrood House, for accommodating the Earl of Athole, Lord Privy Seal of Scotland, with the lodgings therein described in Holyrood House. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 335.*]
- Sept. 15. Warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland for repairing the lodgings in Holyrood House assigned by the last warrant. [*Ibid. p. 336.*]
- Sept. 15. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that by the commission appointing Lord Ranelagh and others Commissioners of the Treasury in Ireland, they were granted the use not only of the office of the receipt, but of the lower rooms of the new Custom House in Dublin, which they have ever since had the use of, and that their undertaking will determine next Christmas, after which the said rooms will be at the King's disposal, assigning the same after next Christmas for the use of the Vice-Treasurer for the time being, to whom the possession thereof is to be then ordered. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 335.*]
- Draft thereof in Lord Ranelagh's hand. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 181.*]

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[Sept. ?] John Martin, prisoner in the condemned hole at Newgate, to the King. Petition to be granted his life that he may be transported, he having been condemned for felony and burglary to the value of about 50s., it being his first fact, and he being a poor Dutchman, and his wife and children being like to starve. *At the side,*

Sept. 16. *On the intercession of the Dutch Ambassador reference thereof*
Whitehall. *to the Recorder of London, and what other judge sat on the petitioner. On the back,*

Report by Sir John Howell that the petitioner was tried before himself and other justices on an indictment for a burglary, and the fact was very clearly proved, but it did not appear the petitioner was a stranger, but that being tried and found guilty he is liable to the same judgment as other burglars, and that the offence is grown so common, that, if the laws be not put in execution against burglars, no man can be secure in his dwelling, four others, all his Majesty's subjects, being condemned for the like offence this last sessions, who will think it hard to be executed for such an offence as that for which the petitioner should be pardoned or reprieved.
18 Sept. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 135.]

Another copy of the above reference. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 45.]

Sept. 16. Sir Nathaniel Herne to Williamson. As the Duke of Ormonde and several other honourable persons have promised to dine with him to-morrow, begging the honour of his company. He cannot give this notice personally, as he is to attend the sessions this morning. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 136.]

Sept. 16. Sir Philip Musgrave to Williamson. With your knowledge and
Edenhal. approbation before my last coming from London I acquainted the king with the present condition of Cumberland and Westmorland and the state of the garrison at Carlisle, and he then let me know he would send my son Christopher to Carlisle, so qualified as to enable him to be serviceable in these parts. His Royal Highness also was of opinion that it was necessary, and told me he would speak to the King about it, and, as I remember, you told me his Highness had done it, but I have since heard nothing thereof, and, doubting that my son had been wanting to remind you of it, and that my age, my weaknesses, the length of the journey, and the winter will prevent my coming to the meeting of the Parliament in October, I thought fit to write you this. I have undergone hardship as much as any in times of rebellion, and have struggled with difficulties, more than now I am able singly to do, to serve my master since his restoration (you know my meaning). I have not sought great things for myself, nor envied those that have attained to them. It is enough that I hope I have hitherto discharged my duty both to God and my king in the public trust on me, and, if unwillingly I now fall short, I hope both will pardon me. [*Ibid.* No. 137.]

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Sept. 16. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. I congratulate your happy return to your winter residence. This morning one of our packet-boats brought over above 40 soldiers, most of them of Douglas' regiment from Treves. They commend the civilities of the Germans to them, not only readily affording them quarter, but they also had passports from the Duke of Lünenburg. Since your first commands I have constantly kept an account, not only of the soldiers brought over on his Majesty's allowance, but also the times of arrival and return of the packet-boats, as you formerly gave me orders. I know not whether it be your pleasure I should continue this last. The wind is mostly westerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 138.*]
- Sept. 16. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday I received two packets, in each of which were two packets in all for four colonies in New England. Three ships are coming down, in the first of which I shall send them. To-day arrived the commander of a ship for London, who came from France. He was met in the Channel by a Turks man-of-war, who boarded him and took from him a hog-head of French wine and most of his provisions, saying he was a great way from home and must not starve. Not a topsail gale at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 139.*]
- Sept. 16. Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Thanking him for his letter of the 11th, having received none in three weeks before. Wind northerly. [*Ibid. No. 140.*]
- Sept. 16. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master General of the Ordnance, to deliver to Peregrine, Viscount Dunblane, 6 small pieces of brass ordnance, lately belonging to the *Little Francis*, for his yacht, the *Sophia*, an indenture being taken for their return when required. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 137.*]
- Sept. 16. Ham. The Duke of Lauderdale to Lord Cardross. I have received your letter with a petition for his Majesty, who had disposed of 1,000*l.* sterling of your fine, before it came. He now commands me to tell you that, as he is resolved not to pardon the fine, so on your due acknowledgement of your fault to the Privy Council and your assurance that you will not be guilty of the like hereafter, he will take the remainder of your case into his gracious consideration. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 356.*]
- Sept. 17. Stockton. [Richard Potts] to Williamson. Fair weather with a southerly wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 141.*]
- Sept. 17. Plymouth. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 142.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 142 i.*]
- Sept. 17. Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to Sir G. Downing. I have sometimes heretofore discoursed to you two difficulties raised by M. Van Beuningen upon the interpretation and practice of our late general Treaty Marine, one as to the point of trade from enemy's port to enemy's port, and the other relating to the matter of revision of sentences. We are still put off in both by the Ambassador so as, at Sir W. Temple's taking leave on his last return to the Hague,

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his Majesty thought fit rather to put both those matters into his care. The enclosed extract shows what he has hitherto done, and the state they are brought to. His Majesty, before he will conclude anything in either of them, desires to have the opinion of the late Commissioners, your colleagues, and accordingly has commanded me to transmit them to you that you may meet and consider them, and the temperament Sir W. Temple proposes in both, and report your opinion to him upon the whole with what speed you conveniently can. I enclose a copy also of the Act of Declaration upon the point of trade from enemy's port to enemy's port, as we on our part are willing to give it, to which you will find what limitations and restrictions the Pensioner insists to put. Of which his Majesty particularly desires your judgement and opinion, as to the consequences any such limitation may have. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 52.*]

- Sept. 17. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Cornwall
Whitehall. Bradshaw, late receiver of the hearth-money in London and Westminster, praying that 500*l.* paid by him to his predecessor by Lord Clifford's direction may be remitted him on his account. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 45.*]
- Sept. 17. Pass for Captain Toby Fitzgerald to go with his family to
Modena. [*Latin. Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 78.*]
- Sept. 18. Certificate by J. Fenton, E. Warner and Ho. Williams that they
are credibly informed by divers persons of quality that Major Choke has found out a great secret in his debanto berry necklace, which has proved very effectual in giving children ease in breeding their teeth, and that on discourse with him they find him an able and sober man. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 143.*]
- Sept. 18. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat arriving makes us
Harwich. void of news, the westerly wind being their hindrance. [*Ibid. No. 144.*]
- Sept. 18. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day arrived the *Expectation*,
Deal. an East India ship from Bantam, also three or four great ships from the Straits. De Ruyter is passing by the South Foreland for Holland, convoying a fleet of merchantmen of about 60 sail. [*Ibid. No. 145.*]
- Sept. 18. Warrant to John Wickham, messenger, to take into custody Col.
Philip Warner and to bring him before Secretary Coventry to answer what shall be objected against him. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 144.*]
- Sept. 18. Warrant to Prince Rupert as Governor and Constable of Windsor
Whitehall. Castle to permit the officers of the works, Hugh May, comptroller, and John Ball, surveyor, to pull down and alter according the King's directions the outwalls and other buildings at Windsor Castle in several places for making the King's lodgings there more convenient. [*Precedents 1, f. 109.*]
- Sept. 18. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting a grant
Whitehall. of 24 May, 1671, to Richard Lawrence of Chapel Izod, of several

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houses and lands in or near the said town for 41 years from 25 March then last at the rent of 42*l. per annum*, whereof 30*l.* was to be paid to James Jerome, minister of Chapel Izod, and his successors, and the other 12*l.* was to be applied towards the repairs of the King's house of Chapel Izod and keeping the gardens thereto belonging, and that there are some other houses and lands with one or more mills belonging to the King in the said town besides those leased to Richard Lawrence, and also after reciting a lease of 24 Feb., 1662[-3], to Sir John Stephens, deceased, of the town and lands of Lackinshonnie, Gurteen and other lands in the barony of Barretts, co. Cork, for 41 years from 25 March next, at the rent of 50*l. per annum*, and a lease of 19 Aug., 1667, to the said Sir John Stephens of the town and lands of Killknockane and Curryheen and several other lands in the barony of Duhallow, co. Cork, for 61 years at the rent of 10*l. per annum*, and a lease of 25 May, 1663, to Sir Edward Massey of the manor of Lieur *alias* Liex, with several other lands in the Queen's County for 99 years from Michaelmas then last at the rent of 12*l. per annum*, and a lease of 12 April, 1665, to Thomas Humes of the town and lands of Gurteen and other lands in the barony of Lower Ormonde, Tipperary, for 31 years at the rent of 19*l.* 14*s.* 6½*d. per annum*; for a grant to Sir John Temple, Solicitor-General of Ireland, in fee-simple of all the said lands and hereditaments belonging to the King, and not enclosed in the Phœnix Park and not contained in the said lease to Richard Lawrence with all the mills and weirs in Chapel Izod and the liberty of grazing six horses in the said Park, and also of all the lands contained in the above recited leases and the rents and reversion thereof, paying thereout the rents hereinafter mentioned, viz., for all the said lands at Chapel Izod, whether contained in the said lease to Richard Lawrence or not, 30*l. per annum* to be paid to the said James Jerome and his successors, and also paying *per annum* for the said premises at Chapel Izod an additional rent of 10*s.*, for the premises contained in the lease of 24 Feb., 1662[-3], a rent of 40*l.*, for those contained in the lease of 19 Aug., 1667, of 8*l.*, for those contained in the lease of 25 May, 1663, of 10*l.*, for those contained in the lease of 12 April, 1665, of 18*l.*, with a proviso that, if the Lord Lieutenant finds that the inheritance of any of the premises has been already granted by the King or belongs to any other person, such lands shall be left out of the grant to Sir John Temple with a proportionate abatement of the rents hereinbefore directed to be reserved. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 359.*]

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Richard Watts to Williamson. My occasions leading me 20 miles into the country, old men report they never knew a better harvest, and more corn of all kinds, than this was. At my return after post time, I understood the *Expedition* from Bantam arrived at noon yesterday, and stayed not above two hours. The captain died at St. Helena. They say the people there, who are very many more than formerly, live very plentifully. The ships are sailing. Little wind northerly. The New England ships not yet come down. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 146.*]

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- Sept. 19. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.W. The Dutch fleet I noted to stop at Cowes with the last easterly winds are sailed for Holland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 147.*]
- Sept. 19. Secretary Coventry to the Attorney-General. Though we have not yet completely concluded on the Irish Farm, the obstructions are judged so easy to be removed that his Majesty has commanded me to write to you to provide the form of a warrant with blanks, which, as soon as the matters shall be adjusted, may be filled up and presented to him for his signature. [*Precedents 1, f. 106.*]
- Sept. 19. Whitehall. Warrant for a commission to the Earl of Athole and John, Lord Murray, his eldest son, to search for and apprehend the contraveners of the Acts of Parliament inhibiting the shooting and slaying of deer within the bounds of Athole, Strathardle, Glenshie, Glen Ilay, Rannoch, Apnadull and Weymes and Strowane, and to cause them to be tried when apprehended, and as they shall be found guilty or innocent, to cause justice to be administered upon them. [2 pages. *S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 337.*]
- Sept. 19. Whitehall. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland for payment of 400*l.* sterling to Anne, Countess of Southesk. [*Ibid. p. 339.*]
- Sept. 19. Whitehall. Memorial of protection to ——— Gordon of Geicht for two years. [*Ibid. p. 340.*]
- Sept. 20. Bridlington. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Several ships light and loaden passed by us these two or three days. Last night and to-day is a very high westerly wind. We do not yet hear of any damage it has done. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 148.*]
- Sept. 20. Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Wind N.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 149.*]
- Sept. 20. Penderennis. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Pilchards are very dear, worth 4*l.* odd per hogshead. Not 10 hogsheads have been taken in our bay this season betwixt 16 boats. Wind S.W. [*Ibid. No. 150.*]
- Sept. 20. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Giving the names of 6 vessels in the harbour to load pilchards. There is no news of the Turks on this coast of late. [*Ibid. No. 151.*]
- Sept. 21. Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to a Member of Parliament. The King being firmly resolved that Parliament shall meet 13 Oct., that you may not be surprised with any contrary reports, nor be detained by the business of the sessions, which unhappily is near that time, has commanded me to give you this notice, and to desire you will not fail to be here at or before the time appointed, and I desire you will let me know as soon as you come to town, that I may acquaint the King how his commands to me have been executed. [*Circular. Two copies and draft. Ibid. Nos. 152-154.*]
- Sept. 21. Robert Ives to James Hickes. We are all here ruined, for in two hours the whole town is burnt down to the ground, and very little

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goods saved. The fire began at 1 p.m. last Monday. With note by Hickee that this is from the Postmaster there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 155.]

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Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. These two days there have been and still continue very high blowing westerly winds. Yesterday morning a new ship of London going for Newcastle was lost a little southward of Tees mouth, the master and company all saved. [*Ibid.* No. 156.]

Sept. 21.
Harwich.

Thomas Langley to Williamson. Thanking him for his promised help in the damage he has sustained by the Swedes. There is in our view an English hoy with a French commission, as they say, and most, if not all, English, who has riding by him in his custody a Hamburger for London. Some say Hegisounn has bought a hoy and has left his privateer in Woodbridge Haven, some two leagues northwards of this place, and is gone.

I cannot but add the great complaint the poor soldiers make in Holland to my masters and men, more Scotch than English, who were in France in the Duke of Monmouth's regiment, and I cannot leave those poor creatures to starve, for my boat came in yesterday and had not one bit of bread left, we having so many hungry souls to feed. That you may be further satisfied with the want our poor countrymen are in, I send poor Dale's letter, who, I am informed, is very helpful, even beyond his ability. [*Ibid.* No. 157.]
Enclosed,

*Henry Dale to Thomas Langley. I am daily much oppressed by the poor English, whom you see flocking over in your packet-boats for relief, and, there being no Englishman here but myself, all come to me for relief, which a greater purse than mine cannot maintain, and to ease myself I have been with some parcels of them by the burgomasters and with other parcels of them by the overseers of the poor, till I have made them all weary and have at last got this answer, that they were not obliged to maintain his Majesty's subjects, so that for my part, as they will not, so I cannot relieve them. Therefore you might do a very great deed of charity by letting Sir J. Williamson know these things, and by advising him to order somebody here to look after them, that they might be allowed something here daily from the time they come till the packet-boat goes away. This will be a very charitable work, and a very honourable act of his Majesty. If no care of these things be taken, 'twill be a great dishonour to our country. The Brill, ¹/₁₅ Sept. [*Ibid.* No 157 1.]*

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Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last night one of our packet-boats arrived and brought over 17 soldiers, most of them of Col. Douglas' regiment from Treves, and but a few passengers, one of whom was one of his Majesty's kettle-drummers. They brought no news, only that the Prince of Orange and the French look often on one another, and that the Prince had last week offered them battle, and that his design was said to have besieged Maestricht or Liége, if the year had not been so far spent.

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Yesterday and to-day have been very stormy, the wind yesterday W., to-day S.W.

I received a letter last night from Mr. Dale of the Brill, wherein he writes how hard these poor soldiers lie on him, he being the only English housekeeper there. I enclose the part of his letter concerning that affair, and the rather because he appeals to your particular charity and care, in which be pleased to afford us not only your commands, but your counsel. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 973, No. 158.] *Enclosed,*

The said extract, being to the same effect and in places in the same words as his letter to Langley. [Ibid. No. 1581.]

Sept. 21. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. No news.
Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 159.*]

Sept. 21. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 160.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 1601.]

Sept. 21. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir John
Whitehall. Holmes praying his Majesty to direct the Lord Treasurer to purchase him the governorship of Hurst Castle for 500*l.* and to settle 10*s.* a day pay in lieu of the reversion of Mr. Warwick's place in the Customs. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 46.*]

Sept. 21. Secretary Coventry to Richard Neville, M.P. (In the same words
Whitehall. as Williamson's circular of the same day calendared *ante*, p. 300). [*Precedents 1, f. 110.*]

Memorandum that similar letters were sent to the following members at the same time: Sir Thomas Doleman, Sir Jonathan Trelawney, Thomas Coventry, John Birch, Arthur Spry, Sir John Brampton, Sir John Cotton, Lionel Walden, Sir Thomas Peyton, Sir John Tufton, Sir Edward Master, Sir Roger Bradshaigh, Richard, Lord Gorges, Sir G. Shakerley, Sir John Heath, — Stringer, Robert Spencer, Edward Nowell, Sir Francis Lawley, Thomas Jones, Sir Humphrey Hooke, Peregrine Palmer, Sir Francis Windham, Laurence Hyde, Thomas Knolles, Pierce Goringe, Sir Henry Puckering, Sir Francis Compton, Thomas Street, Sir John Hanmer, Sir Thomas Slingsby, Anthony Gylby, Sir Thomas Hanmer, Sir Edward Mansel. [*Ibid.*]

Memorandum that Mr. Secretary wrote with his own hand to these members at the same time: Thomas Cholmondeley, Sir Henry Vernon, Somerset Fox, Sir Job Charleton, Sir Philip Musgrave, and Samuel Sandys. [*Ibid. f. 111.*]

Memorandum that letters of the same tenor dated 30 Sept. were written to the following members: Thomas Herle, Robert Walker, Humphrey Bishop, John Strangeways, Richard Harrison, Richard Leigh, John Mounson, George Johnson, Sir Edward Hungerford, Henry Clarke, Sir George Probert, Edward Philips, Sir John Norton, Sir John Robinson, Lawrence Hyde. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 21. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting a
Whitehall. lease dated 28 Jan., 1671, to Sir Ellis Leighton, of all the houses

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within the precinct of the late Abbey of St. Katherine's by Waterford, and of divers lands, rectories, and tithes in the counties of Waterford, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Cork and Kerry, being all parcels of the possessions of the said Abbey, and also of the rectories and tithes of the parishes of Mothill (Mothel), Rathcormick (Rathgormuck), Meyntarge and Ballyclan in co. Waterford, parcels of the possessions of the late Abbey of Mothill, co. Waterford (except what therein is excepted), for 51 years, to commence immediately after the expiration of a lease thereof, dated 3 March, 1620, to Sir Laurence Esmond, at the yearly rents therein mentioned; for a grant to Edward Proger, Groom of the Bedchamber, in fee-simple, in consideration of his long and faithful services and of his sufferings for the King, and also of his surrender of the place of house-keeper of the palace of York, of the reversion of all the said premises contained in the said lease of 28 Jan., 1671 (except what therein is excepted), he paying thereout the several yearly rents reserved in the said lease to Sir Ellis Leighton. [*Over 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 368.*]

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Order in Council on the petition of Francisco Tereeso and Theodore Jacobsen, merchants in London, his Majesty's subjects, for relief, which set forth that about two years since the *City of Hamburg* in her way from Russia to Leghorn was cast away near Boffin in Ireland, that the petitioners being authorized thereto expended 3,650*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* for salvage of the goods and in making out the propriety to be in persons in amity with his Majesty, for securing which sum the said goods were made over to them and shipped for Hamburg, to be sold there and the petitioners to be reimbursed out of the proceeds, and that the agents for merchants in Italy concerned in the said ship and goods have attached the moneys ordered for the petitioners' satisfaction: that Mr. Secretary Williamson prepare a letter for the King's signature to the Senate of Hamburg in the petitioners' behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 161.*]

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James Hickes to Williamson. Last night I received your letters and Lord O'Brien's to Mr. Warburton; the other for Sir Philip Monckton went to Doncaster and the other two into the west. This morning brings us the sad news of Northampton being burnt. The fire began betwixt 1 and 2 p.m. on Monday and burnt it down in two hours, as our postmaster writes, not the tenth part remaining as reported, but how it began not said, but utter ruin to all, little goods being saved. [*Ibid. No. 162.*]

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Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This morning came into the Downs the *John and Elizabeth* ketch from Barbados. The master says that, before he came away, there were several attempts at rising by the negroes, and for example several of them have been put to death, some burnt, and others to several other deaths and punishments, and guards and watches are kept to prevent the like for the future. Wind still S.W. The Queen's frigate is going out to cruise to the Northward. [*Ibid. No. 163.*]

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Sept. 22. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Hereford. Recommending
Whitehall. Stephen Philips, B.D., for the place of canon residentiary, void by
the death of Dr. Seddon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 188.*]
- Sept. 22. *Caveat* entered at the Signet Office that no pardon pass for the
murder of Sir Richard Sandford. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45,*
p. 15.]
- Sept. 22. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of the petition of
Whitehall. Sir George Carteret praying a letter to the Lord Lieutenant and the
Court of Exchequer in Ireland to give effectual order for his discharge
on record from the balance of his account as Vice-Treasurer and
Treasurer-at-War in Ireland, his Majesty being paid or secured for
what is behind. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 46.*]
- Sept. 22. Pardon to William and John Cooke and John Hoskins for all
Whitehall. offences of forgery, perjury and subornation of perjury committed
by them or any of them concerning the making, publishing or
witnessing of a writing purporting to be the last will of Edward
Cooke, deceased. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1,*
p. 78.]
- Sept. 22. Rules and instructions from the King for the Lord Lieutenant.
Whitehall. 1. We declare that we will sign no letter for granting any money
or lands or releasing or abating any rents or other sums due to us
in Ireland, but on a petition to us, which is to be first either recom-
mended by you, or to be transmitted to you and your opinion is to
be had before any order or letter be signed thereon.
2. Afterwards such petition shall be referred to the High
Treasurer of England, who is to be informed of what you shall
write, either in recommending it or on its transmission to you, and
his report is to be had thereon.
3. You shall give no orders on any letters for granting money or
lands or releasing or abating rents in Ireland, which shall come
from us in any other form, or wherein these rules shall not be
observed.
4. You shall give no orders on any letters whatsoever from us
for discharging any part of the revenue or for granting away any
moneys till the Civil and Military List and all other sums due on
the establishment be fully paid.
5. You shall give no orders on any of our letters for increasing
the establishment or inserting any new sums or payments thereon
till it shall appear to you that the revenue is sufficient to answer
such increase.
6. Whenever there shall be any letters from us for disposing of
any money to any public uses, and others at the same time for pay-
ment of any money to any particular persons, the public letters shall
be obeyed and preferred before the private.
7. If the revenue shall at any time not hold out to pay the whole
establishment, it shall not be applied to the payment of any
pensions till the rest of the Civil and Military List be paid, and, if
afterwards the same will not hold out to the payment of all the
pensions, a proportionable abatement shall be made from each of
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8. No letters or directions from us for the payment of any money shall be directed immediately to the Vice-Treasurer, but to the Chief Governor or Governors for the time being, and no payments made by him on any such letters and directions without the Chief Governor's warrant thereon shall be allowed on his accounts.

9. No patent for granting land or money, or relasing or abating rents in Ireland shall be passed in England without the Chief Governor of Ireland being first made acquainted therewith, and this rule is to be entered in the Signet Office and in other offices in England that may be concerned therein.

10. Neither you nor any other Chief Governor of Ireland shall issue any orders on any letters signed by us for granting money, lands, pensions, titles of honour, or employments in Ireland, unless they have been first entered at the Signet Office here in England, whereby the great disorder in procuring a grant for the same thing to several persons may and will be prevented. [3 pages. Two copies. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, Nos. 182, 183.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that Lucas, Viscount Dillon, has stated by his petition that Thomas, late Viscount Dillon, his uncle, was by the Act of Settlement provided to be restored to his ancient estate, and was restored accordingly by the Commissioners of the late Court of Claims, and that by the Act of Explanation his estate is made liable to a new quit-rent, and that on several applications by the said Thomas, Viscount Dillon, the King ordered the discharge and release of such new quit-rent, reserving only the ancient crown-rent payable 22 Oct., 1641, some of which releases and discharges passed the Privy Seal but were stopped at the Great Seal, by reason of some general obstructions, whereby the said Viscount could not have the benefit of such releases and discharges, that he soon afterwards died and was succeeded by his son, Thomas, Viscount Dillon, who also died soon afterwards without issue, whereby his honour and estate descended to the petitioner, a reference thereof to the Commissioners for Irish Affairs, who consulted Lord Ranelagh, who informed them the new quit-rent payable out of the estate so decreed to the late Viscount comes to 700*l.* 18*s.* 10½*d.* *per annum*, and that the ancient Crown and composition rent out of the said estate came to 245*l.* 5*s.* in 1641, so that the said new quit-rent exceeds it by 455*l.* 13*s.* 10½*d.* *per annum*, of which the petitioner desires to be discharged, which if granted, the present farmers are to be allowed by way of defalcation for the said remittal for 7 years 3,189*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, which was reported to the King in Council 28 July last :—requiring and commanding him to cause effectual letters patent to be passed to the said Lucas, Viscount Dillon remitting and releasing to him the said 455*l.* 13*s.* 10½*d.* *per annum* of the said new quit-rent, which release is to enure from the commencement of the present farm of the revenue, reserving to the Crown 245*l.* 5*s.* out of the said estate, and that the present farmers of the Irish revenue be allowed for the same remittal by way of defalcation. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 341.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas by our declaration for the settlement of Ireland dated 30 Nov., 1660, and confirmed

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by the Act of Settlement, it is declared that, if any entitled to the peace thereinmentioned have obtained decrees for lands in Connaught or Clare in lieu of their former estates and have not been possessed of lands according to such decrees, if by 1 Nov., 1661, they should not be possessed of such decreed lands, they should immediately after that day be otherwise satisfied for the same, and whereas by the said declaration it is further provided that such transplanted persons as should be dispossessed of their decreed estates in Connaught or Clare by virtue of such declaration should be reprized out of other lands of equal value in the said province or county or elsewhere, before being dispossessed of their said estates, and whereas there is another clause in the said declaration that, because we are too credibly assured that in the decrees and judgments given for forfeited lands in the said province and county much injustice and fraud has been used, we shall recommend the whole review of that business to our Chief Governor and Privy Council and Commissioners or some of them, in order that whatsoever irregularity should be found in these proceedings may be rectified, and the just part thereof confirmed, and whereas in our instructions mentioned in the Act of Settlement there is another clause to the effect that such transplanted persons, who being within the rules of reprizal have been removed from the lands to which they have been transplanted without any reprize therefor first given, be forthwith reprized before all other reprizable persons, and whereas we are also informed that the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation did not proceed to the adjudication of any of the claims of the said transplanted persons according to the said clauses in our declaration, or to the settlement of any of their estates or interests, except only the interests of such Protestants who before 1 Sept., 1663, purchased lands in Connaught or Clare from the said transplanted persons, so that the estates of the said transplanted persons which continued in their own hands and were not before that day purchased by Protestants remain subject to much doubt and uncertainty, whereby the improvement of such lands has been very much hindered and such of the said transplanted persons as have been dispossessed of the lands set out to them have not been yet reprized for the same, for remedy thereof we hereby authorize and empower you to cause a commission to be issued to such commissioners as you with the advice of the Irish Privy Council shall nominate, authorizing them to be Commissioners to hear and determine the claims of all transplanted persons in the said province and county touching the decrees they had or the lands set out to them in lieu of their former estates, except only such lands as have been already disposed of by certificate of the said late Commissioners for executing the said Acts and to examine what irregularities there have been in the setting out and disposal of the said lands and to confirm the just part thereof, and to enquire of all lands forfeited to us in Connaught or Clare and to dispose of such forfeited lands as shall be in our disposal towards the satisfaction and reprizal of such transplanted interests as remain unsatisfied, and to grant certificates thereof in order to the passing of letters patent thereon in such manner as certificates were granted

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by the said late Commissioners, and to observe such instructions as you and the Privy Council there shall give them from time to time, and we authorize you without any further warrant to pass letters patent on the said certificates to the persons therein concerned according to such estates as shall be thereby adjudged to belong to them in such manner as letters patent have been usually passed on the said certificates of the said late Commissioners. (Power to the Commissioners to administer oaths and rules to be made about the fees to be paid them.) And, because there are no further trials of innocency to be had, and yet many transplanted persons, in whose decrees of transplantation some irregularity may probably be found, might, if it had not been for such decrees, have had their claims heard in time and their innocency declared and their old estates restored, whereas the acceptance of such decrees occasioned the postponing of their claims, and that consequently excluded them from the benefit of their innocence, therefore, if any such transplanted persons shall be found, of whose innocence by reason of their minority or absence during the late rebellion or otherwise there shall be vehement presumption, the irregularity of their decrees is not to be strictly inquired into, but they and all claiming under them are to be preserved as much as possible in the benefit of such decrees, and, if they have no lands pursuant to such decrees, they are in the first place to be provided for, so as those decrees do not contain a greater quantity of land than that to which but for such decrees they would in all probability have been restored, and such Commissioners are to be named as have no interest in any lands in Connaught or Clare purchased from or derived under transplanted persons, and they are to be restrained from purchasing directly or indirectly any estates or titles subject to their enquiry, and we recommend you to appoint such time and place for the execution of the said commission and to use such moderation in the settlement of the fees as may be most for the ease of the subject and lessening of the charges of the persons therein concerned, and, that no person be disappointed of his just satisfaction by his cause being heard too late after the whole stock of lands in Connaught and Clare be disposed of, it may be fit, before any lands be set out to any transplanted person for any deficiency or reprizals, to cause an exact survey to be made of all the lands within the extent of the commission which shall not be adjudged to the several persons in possession thereof, and shall be liable to satisfy such reprizals or deficiencies, and also a due calculation of all the just demands which are made out of that stock, and, before any distribution be made towards satisfaction of such deficiencies or reprizals, to compare both together, that so right measures may be taken in the application thereof, and such further instructions given as the nature of the affair shall require. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 348.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for the creation of the manors of Hamilton's Hill and Tollymore in favour of Capt. William Hamilton and James Hamilton as prayed in their petition recited in the letter of 11 May, calendared *ante*, p. 119, with the clauses usual in letters patent for the creation of manors. [*Nearly 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 352.*]

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Northampton.

Jo. Willoughby to Williamson. I presume you cannot but have heard of the fatal destruction of our poor town by the sad fire last Monday. In less than one hour it set fire on all parts of the town, and in six hours reduced the whole bulk of the town to ashes, leaving only some few houses on the outskirts standing. The whole loss is supposed to amount to some hundreds of thousands of pounds, of which you shall receive a more particular account, when the noblemen and gentlemen of the country with the magistrates of the town have taken a survey thereof, in order to which and other things they have appointed a meeting here next Saturday. In the meantime we have endeavoured to prepare inns fit to receive them and any travellers that shall come, which will be done by converting some gentlemen's houses and others into inns, which the charity and commiseration of the owners has permitted to be done, lest the want of those conveniencies should discourage all persons from repairing thither, and thereby force the inhabitants to leave the place desolate, and in danger of being out of a possibility of being ever rebuilt, which by a public assistance may yet be effected. We therefore beg you to cause to be inserted in the two next *Gazettes* something to the following effect:—Whereas by a late and lamentable fire last Monday, 20 Sept., the whole town of Northampton was reduced to ashes, leaving very little standing except some of the outskirts, yet these are to give notice that by converting some gentlemen's houses and others into inns there is very good accommodation for all persons who shall have occasion to come to the town and that all markets and fairs shall be kept there on the dates they used to be. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 164.*]

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Billing.

Dr. Lively Moody to Williamson. We are all amazed at that dreadful fire at Northampton last Monday about noon, which in a few hours consumed most of the town and All Hallows church, some of the remoter parts, which contained the gentlemen's houses, I had almost said, only remaining, for here and there and elsewhere we see a house standing and that's all. I have seen something of the ruins already, and intend to see the rest on Saturday, when there will be a meeting of the nobility and gentry to consider what's fit to be done. [*Ibid. No. 165.*]

Sept. 23.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. Last Monday we had a violent storm, wind westerly. We lost a vessel of about 160 tons on Newark, a sand off this town. Several of our fishermen we yet hear not of, whom we are afraid are lost. The same evening landed out of a packet-boat about 50 Scots that came from Treves. The convoy for the fishery are at an anchor in our road, being two small frigates and a ketch, who design to go off to the fishery to-night. A French caper of about 12 guns has been among the busses, and, it's reported, has plundered several of them, and taken out the masters. [*Ibid. No. 166.*]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday one of our packet-boats arrived, having set the mail ashore at Lowestoft with 46 soldiers out of 51 he brought out of Holland. Five poor soldiers of Douglas' regiment were landed here. The wind southerly. [*Ibid., No. 167.*]

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Sept. 23. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. The *Cleveland*
Portsmouth. yacht sailed yesterday for France, and carried over Lady Goring
with other ladies of quality. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 373, No. 168.]
- [After
Sept. 23.] The Justices of the Peace for the town and University of Cam-
bridge to the King. Petition, showing that Amy Farthing, a young
maidservant, was found guilty at the sessions held there 23 Sept.
on the evidence of a single witness of stealing 39s. out of her
master's cupboard, and was sentenced to death, and praying for her
reprieve and an order for her transportation. Signed by James
Robson, Mayor, Roger Pepys, Recorder, James, Bishop of Worcester,
Sir Thomas Selater, James Duport, Theophilus Dillingham and
four others. [*Ibid.* No. 169.]
- Sept. 23. Warrant for the reprieve of Richard Willson, prisoner in
Newgate, condemned for a burglary, he having already discovered
several malefactors in the like kind and promised to discover more.
Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 28, f. 144.]
- Sept. 23. Warrant for constituting 15 persons therein named commis-
sioners for licensing hackney coaches. [*Precedents* 1, f. 106.]
- Sept. 23. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting letters
Whitehall. patent of 27 April and 26 Aug., 1664, granting or intended to grant
to Charles, Viscount Fitz-Hardinge, Earl of Falmouth, and his heirs,
several forfeited lands in Ireland of the yearly value of 2,000l.,
paying such quit-rents for the same as are paid by Soldiers and
Adventurers, after which he lost his life in an expedition by sea
against the Hollanders, and that the King being pleased to continue
the said advantage to his father Charles, Viscount Fitz-Hardinge,
directed a clause to be inserted in the Act of Explanation enacting
that he should hold and enjoy to him and his heirs all the lands
and hereditaments so granted or intended to be granted to Charles,
late Viscount Fitz-Hardinge, Earl of Falmouth, pursuant to which
clause the said Charles, Viscount Fitz-Hardinge, exhibited his claim
before the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and
Explanation for the lands in the said letters patent mentioned and
obtained their certificate for holding and enjoying the same to him
and his heirs under the several quit-rents in the said certificate
mentioned, after which, the King, taking notice by letters patent of
19 Aug., 1667, passed under the Great Seal of England that, since
the passing of the said Act of Explanation, several lands mentioned
in the former letters patent of 1664 had been by the said Com-
missioners decreed and allowed to several other persons, who had
obtained certificates and letters patent of them, by which the said
former grant or intended grant became much less valuable than
was expected, and being desirous as far as in him lay to con-
firm the estate of the said Viscount as to the remaining part of
the said lands not disposed of to others by the said Commissioners,
granted and confirmed to the said Viscount and his heirs all the
remaining lands and hereditaments not disposed of to others and
then in his possession under the yearly quit-rents payable
for the said remaining lands in 1641, and at the entreaty of the
said Viscount the King likewise by the letters patent of 19 Aug.,
1667, granted and confirmed to Sir William Godolphin and Sidney

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Godolphin and their heirs in trust for the said Viscount and his heirs the new annual quit-rents and the arrears thereof payable out of all the lands and hereditaments mentioned in the said two letters of 1664, in whose hands soever the same were, and that the agents of the said Viscount, not being informed of the passing of the said letters patent in England, passed a patent of course under the Great Seal of Ireland dated 11 Sept., 1667, pursuant to the certificate of the said Commissioners wherein the former yearly quit-rents contrary to the former letters patent of 19 Aug. were reserved, which was in no ways agreeable to the intent expressed in those letters, and that thereupon some doubt has been made whether the said former quit-rents so granted away and discharged by the letters patent of 19 Aug. are not again become payable by the letters of 11 Sept., and that Sir Maurice Berkeley, now Viscount Fitz-Hardinge, son and heir of the said Charles, Viscount Fitz-Hardinge, has besought the King to continue the benefit of the said letters patent of 19 Aug. and that he might not be in danger of being prejudiced by the said letters of 11 Sept. through the mistake of his father's agents in Ireland, and that the King is satisfied that by the said letters of 11 Sept. the quit-rents so lately disposed of as aforesaid ought not to be payable otherwise than is expressed in the said letters of 19 Aug., and that by the said letters of 19 Aug. the King had covenanted to secure the benefit of the said grant to Charles, Viscount Fitz-Hardinge, and his heirs by such further letters patent as he or his heirs should desire:— Directing him pursuant to the intention expressed in the said letters of 19 Aug. to cause effectual letters patent to be passed containing a grant and release from the Crown of all right and interest in all the lands and hereditaments granted or intended to be granted by the said letters of 11 Sept., and of all the yearly quit-rents thereby reserved to the Crown and of all the arrears thereof to the said Sir Maurice Berkeley, now Viscount Fitz-Hardinge, and his heirs, reserving only to the Crown so much of the said yearly quit-rents as the yearly rent payable out of the said lands in 1641 shall appear to amount to. [*Nearly 5 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 386.*]

- Sept. 23. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant to Sir
Whitehall. Arthur Forbes of the title and dignity of a Baron and Viscount of Ireland by the title of Baron Clanehugh and Viscount Granard, to hold the same to himself and the heirs male of his body. [*Ibid. p. 351.*]
- Sept. 24. Sir L. Jenkins to Williamson. Having been this fortnight under a domestic affliction that has not allowed him to stir from his lodgings, his poor sister-in-law that has been with him some years and taken care of his little *ménage*, lying in the extremity of a consumption, and waiting for these last seven or eight days for the happy moment of her change, he has sent the bearer to learn how pressing his commands may be and how long he will respite him to attend this last duty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 170.*]
- Sept. 24. Sir Robert Vyner to Williamson. I have expected you with your
London. friend, the stranger, every day this week according to promise, but

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hitherto in vain. You may yet make good your word and do it to-day. I'll stay till 2 or a little longer, if you'll say you'll come.

I received an order of his Majesty and the Council last night forbidding myself and the Lord Mayor for the time being to grant any passes for ships, though every little mayor or bailiff in every cagmag port in England may with consent of a small custom-house officer, which is a sign this town had no friends there, but it's no great loss. I believe I never get above 7 *groats* by the trade, but what I fear most is that this was done on some injurious complaint, which I would gladly have answered, for I never certified for any I was not well satisfied in, and refused divers, and I think the number amounts not to 10, and I had but a *groat* a piece.

The Irish letter for 3,000*l.* to Stratford is not done yet. I had the King's promise for it at Windsor. It's but common justice with others. If you appoint the captain that solicits you in it but one half-hour, you will be easily satisfied, and I am confident his Majesty will sign it, as he has done others of the like nature, this being the first placed in the Act. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 171.]

Sept. 24.
Tredegar.

William Morgan to Williamson. Thanking him for the great honour he has done him in letting him know the King's commands for him to attend 13 Oct. which he intends not to fail in, hoping to wait on him a day or two before, and assuring him his weak endeavours shall not be wanting that the meeting prove a successful one. [*Ibid.* No. 172.]

Sept. 24.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind southerly with rainy weather. [*Ibid.* No. 173.]

Sept. 24.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day came in the *Sha[fte]sbury* pink from Hudson's Bay. They carried a new governor for that new colony, but he, finding that affairs there did not please him, is returned home, and left the old governor there. The captain tells me that they found a French Jesuit there that endeavoured to convert the Indians to their religion, and to persuade them not to trade with the English, for which reason they have brought him away with them for England. Also they brought two Indians of that country, but one of them is dead, that came in this pink, but the other is in the *Prince Rupert*, that came from the same place, which by foul weather was separated from the pink off the Land's End. [*Ibid.* No. 174.]

Sept. 24.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 175.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 175*i.*]

Sept. 24.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Capt. Izard (Izod). His Majesty, having received information of a certain privateer (as is said an Englishman, one Pawson, captain) who for some weeks past has lain lurking off that harbour under a French commission, and there committed several insolencies, contrary to the security and honour of his ports, and that particularly on the *Hope* of Hamburg bound from Hamburg into the river, wholly upon the account of his subjects,

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has commanded me to signify his pleasure to you, that upon receipt hereof, if the said privateer be found within reach of your guns, you immediately seize him, securing the captain or other officer commanding, with the said Pawson, who is said to be the owner of the vessel, and to serve as lieutenant on her, in order to a further proceeding against them, and, in case the said privateer be not within the command of the fort, but yet near at hand upon the coast, as it is supposed she will be, then his pleasure is that you assist those interested in the said *Hope* or whom they employ for recovering the said ship and for seizing and securing as aforesaid the privateer with her commander and other officers, in such way as they shall stand in need of. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 52.*]

Sept. 24.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of the petition of Richard, Earl of Barrymore, praying to be put on the Irish establishment for satisfaction of 3,000*l.*, due to Sir William Ryves as a fee to him as Speaker of the Irish House of Lords in the late King's time, and transferred to him by Dame Dorothy, the relict and executrix of the said Sir William, as a marriage portion to his wife, sole daughter and heiress of the said Dame Dorothy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 47.*]

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Patent for 14 years to William Walcot of his invention of making water corrupted fit for use and sea water fresh, clear and wholesome in large quantities. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 80.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant, after reciting a grant dated 17 Dec., 1674, to the Loyal Indigent Officers of the benefit of holding and licensing all lotteries for 13 years, amongst which the Twirling Board and Indian Game are included, as declared by the Order in Council of 4 Aug. last, and that Thomas Killigrew, a Groom of the Bedchamber, had besought the King, as the reversion of the said lotteries, after the expiration of the said grant, of right belongs to him as Master of the Revels, and, as he is old and infirm and not likely to reap much benefit for himself from the said reversion, for a grant of holding and licensing all manner of lotteries from the expiration of the said term, for the term of 41 years for the benefit of himself, Charlotte, his wife, and Charles, Robert and Roger, his sons; for a grant to the said persons for holding and licensing all and all manner of lotteries for 41 years to commence from the determination of the said grant to the Loyal Indigent Officers, comprehending therein the said Twirling Board and Indian Game. [*2½ pages. Precedents 1, f. 107.*]

Sept. 24.
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Warrant for a grant to Dr. Archibald Stevinston of the place of one of his Majesty's physicians in ordinary in Scotland. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 340.*]

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Warrant for a grant to James, Marquis of Montrose, and his heirs male and assigns whatsoever of the annuity of the teinds of all his own lands. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 341.*]

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Warrant for a charter granting to Dame Anna Don, spouse to James, Master of Cranstoun, of an annual rent of 2,500 *merks*

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Scots out of the lands of Nether Crealling and other lands in Roxburghshire, and likewise granting to the said James in life-rent and to William Cranston, his son, and the heirs male of his body with remainders over, the lands of Nether Crealling and other lands in the said shire, on the resignation of the said James, with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 342.*]

Sept. 24. Warrant for a charter granting to James Carnagie, minister at
Whitehall. Rogertoune, and the heirs of his body with remainders over, the lands of Ardroke, and other lands in the parochine of Logie Montrose, Forfarshire; with the fishing on the water of Northesk contiguous to the said lands, on his own resignation, with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 344.*]

Sept. 24. Warrant for a gift of the office of Master Bower and Armourer to
Whitehall. his Majesty in Scotland to Andrew Forrester, bower in Edinburgh, with a monthly fee of 20*l.* Scots and an honest stand of clothing yearly. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 346.*]

Sept. 24. Memorial of protection to Sir James Keath for 10 months. [*Ibid.*
Whitehall. *p. 347.*]

Sept. 25. Lord Brooke to Williamson. Requesting him to propose to his
Warwick Majesty Sir John Bowyer, of Knipersley, to be a deputy lieutenant
Castle. for Staffordshire, several deputy lieutenants being dead since the first commission, he being hindered by sickness from attending his Majesty about it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 176.*]

Sept. 25. Sir Philip Monekton to Williamson. When my servant gave me
Newbold. your letter, I was then thinking how I might wait on you on my coming to town, which I designed to be on 11 Oct., before I had your commands, but I shall do it sooner, if you signify to me your pleasure to that purpose.

You may remember that I told the House, how the design of the Long Parliament was to bring the late king into straits, and to that end they brought in the Scotch army, so I was afraid that the pressing his Majesty to recall his soldiers had something of that in it, for there was then no reason for it, for the French were not then to be feared, for they were on the defensive, and that Turenne would be worsted by the man with the hard name, as my tall neighbour, Sir Robert, called him, who endeavoured to render what I said ridicule, but for all his hard words of sound without much sense, that has proved true, as I fear you will find it true that the same spirit is on foot that was in '41, and how to obviate its designs I fear will require both your art and the industry of all his Majesty's friends.

As I had many thoughts for the service of his Majesty during his exile, so I have now of this, and should greatly fear, were it not for his fortune which has been wonderful since his escape at Worcester, which I hope will, and pray it may continue to his life's end. If at this Sessions it overcome three difficulties that occur to me, it will be most signal. The first is to remove that bone that has been thrown betwixt the two Houses, the next is to get money, and the

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third to preserve the Catholics from ruin, which you must do, the reason why I will tell you when I wait on you, and it must be so done as it may not seem to come from the King. An expedient may be found (I hope) for this, as well as just reason may be given for money, to the satisfaction of all that desire the peace of the nation, and continuance of his Majesty's government, which I hope may prevail, though this of money will have great opposition, and the cause of it I can tell you from the Cabal.

As for the bone, there must be a salvo found, in which all sober men may rest satisfied, that the business of the nation may not be obstructed by it, for, if at this juncture the Parliament faithfully serves the King, we may have a prospect of peace and prosperity to ourselves and posterity, if otherwise, *contra*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 177.*]

Sept. 25. Sir John Otway to Williamson. Acknowledging his letter and promising to observe his commands. [*Ibid. No. 178.*]

Sept. 25. Four lists of various members of the House of Commons, with notes against some that they would come or that they were ill, and in other cases with marks against some of probably a similar meaning. [*Ibid. Nos. 179-182.*]

Sept. 25. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A packet-boat arrived yesterday morning with many poor soldiers of Douglas' regiment and little news. I question not but you will receive a good account of your commands to Capt. Izod. Wind southerly. [*Ibid. No. 183.*]

Sept. 25. Capt. Francis Izod to Williamson. On sight of his Majesty's Landguard Fort. order I sent the Hamburger and the privateer into Harwich harbour, the prize being without a penny disadvantage to the owners. The captain, one La Mott, is a prisoner in Harwich with the rest of his officers, though he stands stiffly to it that his commission is good and the Hamburger a lawful prize. [*Ibid. No. 184.*]

Sept. 25. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. I gave you yesterday an account of Deal. the arrival of the *Shaltesbury* pink from Hudson's Bay, and to-day is arrived in the Downs the *Prince Rupert* from the same place. I was on board, and the captain tells me they were forced to winter there, and spend those provisions which they should have left there for the new governor and the men that were to stay with him, for which reason they were forced to bring them home again, and have left only four men there to keep possession of the place. I see the French Jesuit, which is a little old man, and the other Indian, that is living, is a very lusty man, which is to be presented to Prince Rupert. [*Ibid. No. 185.*]

Sept. 25. Warrant for a grant to Corney Frowde of the office of Weigher and Teller of the Mint for his life in reversion after Lancelot Perrott, the present holder. [*Precedents 1, f. 107.*]

Sept. 25. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that Whitehall. Sir Robert Holmes, Governor of the Isle of Wight, and Col. Edward Roscarrock have by their petition prayed a grant to them and their heirs of several forfeited lands in Galway and Mayo formerly

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assigned to Sir Thomas Esmond, late of Limerick, Wexford, Dame Jane, his wife, since deceased, and Laurence, their son, now Sir Laurence Esmond, in lieu of their estate in Leinster or elsewhere, and that it was thereby suggested that the said Sir Laurence was declared an innocent Papist by the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, whereby he became restored to his former estate, and a reference thereof dated 19 May last to the Lord Lieutenant, who referred to the petition and reference to Sir John Temple, Solicitor-General for Ireland, and that by his report the lands petitioned for appear to be in the King's disposal, they not appearing to him to be confirmed to anyone by the Act of Settlement or Explanation, and that he finds no inconvenience likely to arise by any grant of the premises so as the quit-rents due by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation be reserved to the Crown, and further reciting the certificate of the Deputy Surveyor-General showing in what counties and baronies the said lands lie and their denominations and the acreage of each parcel, being all in Galway and Mayo and containing in all 2,927 acres, which by three orders of the Commissioners at Loughrea dated 21 July and 29 and 31 Aug., 1657, pursuant to a decree of the Commissioners at Athlone dated 19 Jan., 1656 [-7], were assigned to Sir Thomas Esmond, and being all in Galway containing 500 acres, which by order of the Commissioners at Loughrea dated 22 Aug., 1656, were assigned to the said Sir Thomas, Laurence, his son, and Dame Jane, his wife, pursuant to a decree of the Commissioners at Athlone dated 19 June, 1656, and that the said Sir Robert Holmes and Col. Roscarrock had also besought the preference of placing deficiencies on the premises and that the same may be granted to them by way of reprisal according to the intents of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation:—requiring and authorizing him to admit them to place their deficiencies accordingly, and that by way of reprisal to direct letters patent to be passed containing a grant of all the lands, &c., contained in the said certificate to the said Sir Robert Holmes and Col. Roscarrock in fee-simple or to such other person as they shall nominate as the same lands, &c., were set out for Sir Thomas Esmond, deceased, by the final settlement of Ireland in 1655 and continued to be enjoyed by him ever since till he was restored to his own estate in Leinster and Munster, reserving thereout such yearly quit-rents as of right they ought to pay. [*Over 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 343.*]

- Sept. 26. Sir John Dawney to Williamson. Thanking him for his letter, and, though he is in a worse condition than ever to undertake a long journey, having been so much afflicted of late with stone and gravel, yet he shall be ready to hazard all, if he can be serviceable to the King and country, and he will wait on Williamson as soon as he arrives in London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 186.*]
- Sept. 26. Sir Gilbert Gerard to Williamson. Though my affairs struggled
Durham. to detain me here, my wife being come down on purpose to put an end, if possible, to some disputes between us and the late Lord of Durham's executors, I shall, according to your commands, lay aside all business here and repair to London to be there before the Parliament meets. [*Ibid. No. 187.*]

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Rotherby.

Sir W. Hartopp to Williamson. His Majesty being resolved of our meeting on the 18th, I hope they will be firm in his honour and happiness ; I am certain my vote shall ever be so. I hope to be in London the 18th and shall be very impatient till I have presented you my humble service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 188.]

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Billing
Magna.

Dr. Lively Moody to Williamson. Yesterday there was a great meeting of the nobility and gentry of Northampton in the Town Hall, where the discourse was chiefly managed (so much of it as I heard) by Lord Northampton and Mr. Justice Raynsford. The latter seemed chiefly to have an eye to the poor, his Lordship to the rebuilding of the town. At last two subscriptions were agreed on, and I hear about 100*l.* was subscribed amongst them for the poor and 250*l.* for the town. They all agreed in the end, but differed in the way, and 'tis hoped at the Sessions there may be a better understanding amongst them. In the meantime the place is the saddest spectacle I ever saw ; of 840 houses 'tis thought there are not 140 remaining, and the most modest estimate of the loss is 200,000*l.* ; in two or three days they will come to particulars. Mr. Knighton, an honest apothecary, will enter on his mayoralty on Michaelmas Day ; indeed his losses are great and he's much dejected, but encouraged by the gentry. They had beautified All Hallows Church, and were setting up a fair organ, but the very walls are ready to drop down. Dr. Conant's house escaped, and to-day he preaches at St. Giles'.

The enclosed is a copy of a paper sent me last night. [*Ibid.* No. 189.]

Proposals concerning the rebuilding of Northampton. 1. That all present relief may be sent to some select persons who will distribute it equally. Agreed. 2. That course be taken for keeping up all fairs and markets, and to publish the same. Referred to a Committee. 3. That the Sessions House, Gaol and Bridewell be forthwith built at the country's charge. Referred to the Sessions. 4. That a true estimate be made of the whole loss and of every man's in particular. Referred to the Committee and report to the Sessions. 5. That his Majesty be petitioned for his charity to the town and for a general collection. Agreed. 6. That it be considered how to bring it in at the easiest charge. Referred to the Committee and Sessions. 7. That the moneys collected be put into hands who will give an account thereof to the general sessions for the county. Agreed. 8. That an Act be obtained for compelling persons to rebuild within certain times or to sell their interest at indifferent rates to persons who will be bound to rebuild, unless they be dispensed with by the general sessions of the county. Agreed that a Bill be prepared. 9. That by that Act all persons be restrained to certain models to be allowed by Lord Northampton. Agreed. 10. By that Act disputes between landlord and tenant to be settled by arbitration. Agreed. 11. To encourage rebuilding, that endeavours be made to have all new houses exempted from public taxes for 7 years. Agreed. 12. That persons intending to rebuild give in their names and the places where they intend to rebuild to the next general

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County Sessions, that further encouragement may be given them. To be part of the Bill. 13. That no freeholder, who had his house burnt and has a visible estate elsewhere, shall have any of the public collection unless he will oblige himself to rebuild it. Agreed. 14. A public register be made of all lords and gentlemen that shall be grand benefactors and of their gifts, that their charity may not be forgotten. Agreed. 15. That if any foreigner desire to rebuild, and the former inhabitant or owner refuse to rebuild, such foreigner shall have the freedom of the town gratis if he desires. Agreed. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 189 i.]

- Sept. 26. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. A vessel arrived yesterday from the Straits says that Sir John Narbrough has fired the Tripoli ships in harbour, and that people are in great confusion. Two or three other ships from St. Tobee's (Ubes) say that no Sallee men-of-war have appeared on those coasts a long time. Captain Gillham, who has been gone three years to the North West passage, arrived here last Friday and another ship. They have brought two of the natives and left three English for hostages. Last week the wind was very variable from N.W. to S.W., but it blows now fresh westerly. Our harvest has been very dry, and we have had much corn, but all yesterday it rained hard. [*Ibid.* No. 190.]
- Sept. 26. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 191.]
- Sept. 26. Portsmouth. Sir Anthony Deane to Williamson. Having done my errand to France, and spent the time limited me to my full satisfaction I am returned home, where I must take 12 or 14 days to complete what I have observed in my journey, which I hope is little less than a full satisfaction to what you gave me in command at my departure. [*Ibid.* No. 192.]
- Sept. 26. Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. We have had a very great storm for four or five days, so that last Friday the post could not get over at Plymouth passage, but was forced to stop till Saturday morning, and then with much ado got over. At the same time a boat at Foy was cast away and five men drowned. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 193.]
- Sept. 27. Edenhal. Sir Philip Musgrave to Williamson. Thanking him for the continuance of his kindness to himself and his son, and supposing he may possibly see him very shortly, for, his Majesty judging he might be of some small use to him in Parliament, though conscious of his own weaknesses, he put away those thoughts. [*Ibid.* No. 194.]
- Sept. 27. Yarmouth. Richard Bower to Williamson. Last Thursday our bailiffs and justices with several others of our house, hearing Lord Paston was come into the country, having chosen him Lord High Steward of this town, waited on him to pay him their respects and to invite him to dine on Michaelmas Day with our new bailiffs, who then take place. He accepted and promised to be with them about 4 tomorrow afternoon. Here are great preparations for his reception, and, though they cannot well spare time, it being in the height of

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their fishing, it is believed the number that will meet him will be greater than has been at any time to wait on any person of honour whatsoever. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 195.]

Sept. 27.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Yesterday arrived here the *Sara* of Weymouth and the *Samuel* of this port with salt in seven days from Croisic. The masters inform me that the mutineers in that province are now quite dispersed on the appearance of some of that King's forces raised for that purpose. The principal Governor, the Duc de Chaulnes, is at Morlaix 1,500 strong, and has executed some of the leaders of the insurrection. His being there puts a stop to trade at present, which this town much depends on, but, what may be taken a little ill, they quarter soldiers on the English agents, house-keepers there, as well as on their own people.

There are many privateers on the French coast, both Ostenders, Biscaners, and Dutch men-of-war. With these two came out above 20 English merchantmen for these western ports, but received no prejudice by them, but some Alger men-of-war were on board some of the fleet, but did them no other hurt than as it were begging for some of their provisions. It is certainly made out that six sail of them are in the Channel.

They continue to make what votes they can and all diligence imaginable for Mr. More for Shire Knight.

I desire your pleasure that the letters and *Gazettes* may come to me as ordinary, which of late I have not received. [*Ibid.* No. 196.]

Sept. 27.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. I forgot to mention in my last that a small vessel went out of this port last week with 32 couple of dogs in her, beagles and lurchers, from Havre for St. Sebastian, a present for the King of Spain, five men attending on the dogs in very good liveries. [*Ibid.* No. 197.]

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Bristol.

Sir John Knight to Williamson. Having received his letter of the 25th he will according to his order hasten up to London and will attend him 7 Oct. [*Ibid.* No. 198.]

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Swansea.

John Man to Williamson. The wind and weather have lately been very boisterous, and have brought into this road a vessel of Barnstaple of about 40 tons which came from Newfoundland with train oil and some fish and several passengers from the fishery. They report they have had a very prosperous and profitable fishing last season, and that all things are in a thriving posture in those parts. [*Ibid.* No. 199.]

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Approbation of Sir John Bowyer of Knipersley to be a deputy lieutenant of Staffordshire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44,* p. 16.]

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Caveat entered at the Signet Office at Lord Rochester's desire that no grant pass of the place of lieutenant or ranger of the manor and park of Woodstock. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45,* p. 15.]

Sept. 27.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Christopher Musgrave, praying a grant of a lease for 31 years, in reversion after

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- Sept. 27. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Thomas
Whitehall. Armstrong and Thomas Wyndham praying to be authorized to demand and receive certain sums collected by several clerks of the peace by order of the farmers of the imposition on proceedings at law at the rate of 2s. 6d. of every victualler for every licence, which being against law remain in the said clerks' hands, and cannot be paid back again to the people nor to the farmers. [*Ibid. p. 47A.*]
- Sept. 27. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of Cornifis,
Whitehall. Count Ulfelt, praying a patent for a new invention of coaches and chariots, which cannot overturn and go much easier than those of former fashion. [*Ibid. p. 48.*]
- Sept. 27. Warrant to the Lord Keeper to cause the Great Seal to be
Whitehall. affixed to an instrument of even date constituting the persons therein named to be Commissioners of Appeals in cases of reprisal. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 80.*]
- Sept. 27. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. My long silence has been
Kinsale. caused by my absence in the west of Ireland, discharging some vessels I was concerned in from the Indies. Here has been nothing worth your notice. Shipping news. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 385, No. 184.*]
- Sept. 27. The King to the Auditors of the Imprest for the time being.
Westminster. After reciting orders of 4 Feb., 1662[-3], with commencement from 1 Jan. preceding concerning the Office of Works, in which certain allowances and entertainments are set down, with the limitation that the same should continue to the existing officers, but that their successors should not have continuance of the same without further warrant, and grants of the offices of Surveyor of the Works to Sir Christopher Wren, of Comptroller of the Works to Hugh May, of Paymaster of the Works to Philip Packer and of Master Carpenter of the Works to Richard Rider, signifying his will and pleasure that the said officers should enjoy the allowances set down in the said orders from the time of their respective entertainments entered in the books of the said office in as ample a manner as any of their predecessors. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 340.*]
- [Sept. ?] Richard Reeve to the King. Petition for a patent for 14 years for his invention of a new and unpractised way of casting and spreading of light by an unusual figure of foiled glass polished without grinding with pipes of glass to hold candle or lamp. At the foot,
- Sept. 28. Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor General. At the side,
Whitehall. Report by Sir Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, in favour of granting the patent, as he cannot discover that the invention was ever found out by any before the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 200.*]

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Another copy of the above reference dated 29 Sept. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 47A.*]

- Sept. 28. Sir Nathaniel Herne to Williamson. To-day my office expires, and to-morrow I am to treat the Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor elect and half the Aldermen and their ladies, of which I would have personally acquainted you, but yesterday I had to attend the East India sales, and to-day I was to wait at Guildhall. If you will honour us with your company, it will oblige myself and the whole society. After the ceremony at my house the Aldermen wait on the Lord Elect to his, for whom I know you have a great affection. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 201.*]
- Sept. 28. Richard Potts to Williamson. High southerly winds continue, which hinder the going forth of six vessels of this place laden with lead, butter and coals for Rotterdam and Amsterdam. [*Ibid. No. 202.*]
- Sept. 28. Silas Taylor to Williamson. By a packet-boat arrived last night we had several soldiers of the disbanded at Treves, but no news either from them or the passengers. The wind is southerly. The *Pearl* is in the Rolling Grounds, the *Suadados* in Hollesley Bay. [*Ibid. No. 203.*]
- Sept. 28. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. The ship from Newfoundland reports that all ships have generally made good voyages. [*Ibid. No. 204.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 204I.*]
- Sept. 28. On the petition of John Bond, praying a privy seal for arrears on the Marquis of Winchester's fen lands belonging to the dissolved priory of Selby for 12 years from Michaelmas, 1660, to Michaelmas, 1672, at 8*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* *per annum* amounting to 96*l.* 2*s.*, his Majesty, having long designed the petitioner a recompense besides his annuity for his pains in his discoveries about the longitude, recommends it to the Lord Treasurer to consider the petitioner's request and to give such order for his satisfaction as he shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 48.*]
- Sept. 28. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a patent in Ireland for 14 years to John Gedde of his new invention for the improvement of bees by inventing such commodious hives as shall free the owners from charge and trouble and the bees from the inconvenience of swarming and many other casualties. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 347.*]
- [Sept. ?] Richard Blome to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioner has finished his second volume called *Britannia* which he has dedicated to his Majesty, that his remaining two volumes, now ready for the Press, shall contain, the first the Arts of Cosmography and Geography, being a translation from the works of the famous geographer Varenus, wherein are handled all such arts as are useful for the true knowledge of the use of the globes and other mathematical instruments, the arts of navigation, dialling, making of maps, charts, &c.; the second, geographical and hydrographical tables of the known countries in the world, with their chief cities and seaports,

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and for his Majesty's dominions shall be added an alphabetical account of the cities, towns, &c., as they were drawn from the maps, showing in what county and hundred they are seated, and praying, in order to the finishing of this necessary work, a licence for the importation of 8,000 reams of royal paper free from all duties of customs excise &c., or of so many reams of other paper free from the amount of the said duties on the said 8,000 reams. *At the foot,*

Sept. 29. *Grant to the petitioner of the licence desired. [Two copies,*
Whitehall. *one of the petition only. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 205.]*

Sept. 29. Charles Bertie to Williamson. I have moved the Lord Treasurer
Wallingford for the payment of the remainder of your order for secret intelli-
House. gence, and by our reckoning find only 300*l.* due to you, his Lord-
ship having directed payment of 300*l.* in July and 400*l.* more this
month, so, if you send any of your servants to-morrow morning, they
shall have a letter to Sir Robert Howard for payment of the
remainder. [*Ibid.* No. 206.]

Sept. 29. Walter Chetwynd to Williamson. I received your letter to-day
Ingestre. and nothing could keep me from obeying your commands in
attending the House, but my present incapacity, for I have for some
months past been so rigorously treated by the stone and strangury
that I am more a prisoner than those honest gentlemen who were
formerly confined to five-mile visits. I am now in the doctor's
hands, and, if it please God to enable me to undertake a journey to
London, I shall hasten to pay my duty to his Majesty and my
country. [*Ibid.* No. 207.]

Sept. 29. Sir Robert Holt to Williamson. I received yours and will not
fail to render an exact obedience to his Majesty's commands, and I
hope that all gentlemen that have a real service for their king and
country will appear, and then I doubt not it may prove a happy
sessions, though, if those reports we pick up here have anything of
truth in them, there is a design to make this as ineffectual as the
two last sessions were; nay, 'tis believed and hoped 'twill end in a
dissolution. My brother knight, Sir Harry Puckering, I hear, will
not fail. Sir Clement Fisher is ill of the stone, but you need not
doubt of enjoying the good company of Mr. Swinfield (Swinfen)
and Dick Hopkins. Mr. Sercheverell (Sacheverell), I hear, is
coming up full charged, and will no doubt disembody bravely.
[*Ibid.* No. 208.]

Sept. 29. Richard Bower to Williamson. In my last I gave you an account
Yarmouth. that Lord Paston was invited to dine with our new bailiffs to-day.
The bailiffs with the new elects, knights, justices, aldermen, and
Common Council with about 150 horse met his lordship at Kester
(Caistor) two miles from this. He was attended with several
coaches and about 40 horse. With him were Sir William Adams,
Sir Neville Cateline, Captain Cooke, Captain Herbert and several
gentry that I know not, and near 20 clergymen. He
was led about the town, and, as he passed the forts, he was
from everyone saluted with the great guns. The like was done
from the ships as he passed along the quay, the common people
also bidding him welcome with their shouts. Thus he was con-
ducted to his lodging to our new head-bailiff's, who took his place

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to-day, where he was treated with a noble supper, and this morning our bailiffs, justices and aldermen in their scarlet gowns, with the Common Council in their gowns, met at our Guildhall attending his lordship's coming, who no sooner came but they accompanied him to church, he going between the two bailiffs. Sermon being ended, the way being long to our other hall, where they usually go to swear the bailiffs and justices, he was forced to take his coach, and so followed close in the rear of them, the waits playing all the way, and several chambers and guns fired as they passed along. When they came to the hall, my lord sat there between the bailiffs, till they had sworn the new bailiffs, the justices and the other officers. His lordship was pleased to be made free of this town, and had his burgess letter fairly drawn and presented with it. As they came to the hall they passed in the same manner to the bailiffs' to dinner, the ships firing as his lordship passed along the quay. Nothing was wanting at dinner that town and country could afford, where his lordship and those that came with him still are, and they go not out of town till to-morrow. I am confident his lordship would have had as many meet him as there are horses in the town, had it not been for rain, and the fleet's coming in at the same time very well fished. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 209.*]

Sept. 29.	Estimate of the annual expense, viz. :—	l.
	Navy - - - - -	340,000
	Ordnance - - - - -	60,000
	Forces and Castles - - - - -	212,000
	Tangier - - - - -	57,200
	Household - - - - -	107,000
	Privy Purse - - - - -	38,000
	Works - - - - -	14,000
	Treasurer of the Chamber - - - - -	30,000
	Band of Pensioners - - - - -	6,000
	Stables, horses, and studs - - - - -	11,500
	Wardrobe - - - - -	22,000
	Jewel House - - - - -	5,000
	Ambassadors, envoys, and for presents - - - - -	50,000
	Robes - - - - -	5,000
	Management of the Excise - - - - -	10,000
	Salaries and fees payable at the Exchequer - - - - -	81,839
	Post defalcations - - - - -	5,000
	Interest of moneys to the Goldsmiths - - - - -	70,000
	Interest of other money to be daily borrowed - - - - -	30,000
	Liberates at the Exchequer - - - - -	2,000
	Tents and toils - - - - -	2,000
	Tower Expenses - - - - -	768
	Casual disbursements not proper to be under any head - - - - -	15,000
	Healing medals - - - - -	2,000
	Secretaries for intelligence - - - - -	5,000
	Annual payments to the Queen and his Royal Highness - - - - -	36,209
	Pensions of grace - - - - -	145,257

[*Ibid.* No. 210.]1,362,770 (*sic*)

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Sept. 29. Sir J. Williamson to Sir L. Jenkins. The enclosed from the
Whitehall. Swedish Ambassador having been read to his Majesty I am com-
manded to transmit the whole case to you for your examination and
opinion. As far as the King can judge of it, it seems but reason-
able the arrest should be taken off, but the whole is remitted to you
to have the case truly stated as to point of fact, and then your
opinion as to what is just and fit in point of law. I am very sorry
for your domestic affliction. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 54.*]
- Sept. 29. Warrant, after reciting that numerous murders, robberies and
Whitehall other outrages were frequently committed in the Border Counties of
Scotland and England, and that the offenders privately convey
themselves from one kingdom to another, and that there is none
appointed to follow them and arrest them, or, if they should be taken in
one kingdom and sent and remanded in the other where the offences
were committed, so much time might elapse that they might have
opportunity to escape, and that by the confederacy of such offenders
and their friends the truth cannot certainly be found out by the
assize and jurates of each kingdom nor due punishment executed
on them; for the appointment of 49 Scots lords and gentlemen
and 54 English lords and gentlemen as Commissioners to pursue
and arrest all such offenders within the Border Counties and places
and appointing the said Commissioners or any two or more of
them, of which number one is to be Scotch born and one English
born, to inquire by the oaths of good and lawful men of the places
wherein such offences have been committed, and to hear and
determine according to the truth of the fact of all the said premises
according to the laws and customs of the place where the said
offences shall be committed, and the rest of the loyal subjects both
in Scotland and England are to aid and assist the Commissioners,
with a proviso the Scotsman taken by the Commissioners be
brought to the gaol and prison of Scotland and the Englishman to
the gaol of England. [7 pages. *S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3,*
p. 347.]
- Sept. 30. Monsr. van Beuningen to Williamson. Begging leave to remind
him of a poor condemned prisoner, who has only the King's grace
and mercy as a refuge to avoid a shameful death, which awaits him
to-morrow. He has a young wife and two children. [*French.*
S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 211.]
- Sept. 30. Capt. Francis Izod to Williamson. I beg pardon for my last
Landguard letter, being in great haste to find out some other of the privateers
Fort. in Harwich. Mr. Powsson, the owner of the said privateer, meeting
with better friends than ordinary, escaped to London, but the
captain, Le Mott, is prisoner in Harwich, the lieutenant, Hunter,
in this place. Their poverty is very great, the common fate
of privateers, and who shall pay for their subsistence I cannot
imagine. As to their committing hostility or affronting the port of
Harwich, it is a thing I never heard of, nor can any man justly
charge it. I say this only to justify the honour of the fort, rather
than to excuse such a sort of men, who may be guilty of enough in
other places, and as for the Hamburger, which is now safe in the
merchants' possessions, he was took at sea, and driven by bad

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weather into this harbour, where they continued by reason of bad weather, else they had been gone for France, before I received your directions. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 212.]

Sept. 30. John Fowell to Williamson. I received your letter, which I am
Fowlescombe. obliged both to acknowledge and obey, though, besides the indisposition which you know I am subject to, I have very justifiable excuses. [*Ibid.* No. 218.]

Sept. 30. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat has arrived since
Harwich. my last, the wind keeps S.W.

Ever since you laid your commands on me, I have not only kept an account of the going and returning of every packet-boat, but also a register of all those, who deserting foreign service come over on his Majesty's benignity in them. I know not whether it is your pleasure I should continue the first; I believe it is that I should not neglect the last. I have written by this post to Sir R. Southwell, taking in the 26*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, which being due to me was not paid, being part of the two first years' salary of the last Dutch war from the Sub-Commissioners of Prizes. Above 100*l.* is due to me from the Lords Commissioners of Prizes, as by the account now sent up to Sir Robert may appear, for since that war a year and a half's salary is increased, having the charge on me which still continues of the *Flying Hart* of Rotterdam, with all her lading and rigging, which, with other charges as in the account, amounts to above 112*l.* Your assistance for attaining some proportionable satisfaction is my humble request. [*Ibid.* No. 214.]

Sept. 30. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day came in the *Katharine*
Deal. yacht bound for Dieppe, but the wind being S.W. and blowing hard keeps him here. Last night a Danish vessel that has unladen deal boards at Sandwich went out for London. A little French sloop took him and carried him for Calais. [*Ibid.* No. 215.]

Sept. 30. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 216.]

Sept. 30. Sir J. Williamson to Lord Brooke. Enclosing his Majesty's
Whitehall. approbation of his nomination of Sir John Bowyer to be a deputy lieutenant of Staffordshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 54.]

Sept. 30. Commission to Capt. Thomas Mansfield to be major to Lord
Craven's regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 44, p. 16.]

Sept. 30. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Edward Owen,
Whitehall. praying a grant of the estate of David Owen, forfeited for killing Henry Farmer, of Knucking (Knockin). [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 48.]

Sept. 30. Grant to Richard and Philip Dallow of the place of ostiary or
Whitehall. porter of the Mint in the Tower, upon the surrender of a former grant thereof dated 31 March, 1674, to Captain Gilbert Thomas and Richard Turner. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 81.]

Sept. 30. The King to James, Earl of Suffolk, Deputy Earl Marshal.
Declaring the arms, crest and supporters granted to his natural son

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Charles Lenox, Duke of Richmond, and requiring him to cause the declaration to be registered in the College of Arms. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 81.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for a revocation of a late grant to William Young of the custody of the Palace of Hampton Court and other the offices, fees, &c., therewith granted, and for a grant thereof to the said William Young and his heirs for the lives of Barbara, Duchess of Cleveland, and of George, Earl of Northumberland, and the survivor of them. [*Precedents 1, f. 109.*]

Sept. 30.
Whitehall.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. We have received your letter of 3 Sept. and your letter of that date to the Duke of Lauderdale with the papers enclosed relating to the insolent carriage of Sir Patrick Home of Polwart, for which you have most justly committed him. We last night perused the narrative signed by our Chancellor, by all which we find his carriage not only insolent in affronting the Privy Council, but also of a most dangerous consequence tending to the unhinging of our government exercised by you and ushering in confusion. We well remember his factious carriage formerly on many occasions, of which most of you were witnesses, and this act of his was not only premeditate, but is also owned by him in a long petition presented to us, which we here transmit, and, seeing he judicially confessed at the bar this whole matter and takes great pains to justify it, we require you to declare him incapable of all public trust, and that he remain a prisoner in Stirling Castle, till we declare our further pleasure. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 355.*]

Sept. 30.
Wallingford
House.

The Earl of Danby to the King. Report on the reference dated 22 July of the petition of Capt. George Purdon, which set forth that he is seised and possessed of some lands in Munster, which were never seized or sequestered, but continued in his possession as Protestant proprietor thereof, and that he in the usurper's time was necessitated to draw out a decree of the said lands, and that he now desires to surrender them to his Majesty and obtain his letters patent thereof, that, having advised with the Lord Lieutenant, he cannot find that granting such a patent as desired will be any prejudice to his Majesty's service. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 183.*]

Sept. 30. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for swearing and admitting Sir John Cole to be a Privy Councillor in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 379.*]

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The nobility, gentry and body of the county of Northampton assembled at the general sessions for the said county to the King. Petition for his charity and favour towards the restoration of the town of Northampton, which has been burnt down by a late dreadful fire, the inhabitants being thereby reduced to extreme poverty, their losses amounting to above 150,000*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 217.*]

[Sept.?
Whitehall.]

The King to Sir Edward Griffin. As Anthony Seager, one of the forty Messengers of the Chamber, resigned his place to Richard

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Gammon, who was admitted 1 Oct., 1673, and Seager, having had his arrears paid until his resignation, was on the cheque roll of messengers paid several years before the rest, so that Gammon cannot be paid till the others are paid up to the time when Seager was paid off, signifying his pleasure that Gammon be paid 49*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* yearly till the cheque roll comes even, and he can then be put in Seager's place. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 201.*]

[Sept.?

Warrant to the Recorder and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex to insert John Daniell, Robert Broadwater, and William Windsor, condemned for picking the pocket of Thomas Dudley of 15*s.* 6*d.*, into the next general pardon for Newgate convicts, without the proviso for transportation and to release them on bail. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 144.*]

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Deal.

Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of the King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 373. No.	Date.	King's Ships.	Outward Bound.	Inward Bound.	Wind.	Remarks
218	Sept. 1	6	3	0	N.	
219	" 2	6	0	2	W.	
220	" 4	7	0	0	N.E.	
221	" 5	7	0	3	N.E.	
222	" 6	7	1	0	N.E.	
223	" 7	7	0	0	N.E.	
224	" 8	6	2	0	N.E.	
225	" 9	7	1	0	N.E.	
226	" 10	7	1	0	—	
227	" 11	7	1	0	N.E.	
228	" 12	7	0	0	S.E.	
229	" 13	7	3	0	N.	
230	" 14	7	2	0	N.W.	
231	" 15	4	1	0	—	
232	" 17	4	11	2	N.W.	
233	" 18	5	13	4	N.W.	
234	" 19	4	8	1	E.	
235	" 20	4	21	0	N.W.	
236	" 21	4	20	0	S.W.	
237	" 22	4	34	0	S.W.	
238	" 23	4	36	0	S.W.	
239	" 25	3	53	1	S.W.	
240	" 26	3	49	0	S'.S.W.	
241	" 27	3	63	1	S.W.	
242	" 28	3	65	1	S.W.	
243	" 29	The same list as the 28 th				S.W.
244	" 30	3	65	0	S.W.	

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Sir Thomas Clutterbuck to Williamson. Expressing his surprise at finding that his Honour has entertained so great a dissatisfaction in him, and asking him to command him to wait on him, and he shall so far depend on his own innocence as to be able fully to

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vindicate himself from false suggestions which anyone may have endeavoured to insinuate to his Honour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 245.]

Oct. 1.
Newcastle.

Sir Francis Anderson to Williamson. I received yours of the 21st on the 25th. At the last assizes I was called on by the Mayor and Aldermen of this place to take upon me the mayoralty for the ensuing year at Michaelmas, which I could not avoid, it being my turn. The election will be on the 4th and the great guild for that year the 11th and the proclamation for the fair the 17th, all which, with the election of the Common Council and other officers in the Corporation cannot be done without the Mayor's being present, and will detain me till the 21st, after which I shall make all the haste possible to attend his Majesty's and your commands. [*Ibid.* No. 246.]

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Yarmouth

Richard Bower to Williamson. I received yours concerning Mr. Watson's freedom. It must be granted by the whole assembly of the bailiffs, justices, aldermen and Common Council. I moved to our bailiffs as your request that it might be granted him. They desired me to inform you they wished there were some greater matter wherein they might serve you, and that, if you would signify your pleasure by a line or two, it should be readily complied with. Therefore, if you please to give yourself this trouble, direct it to the right worshipful Edmund Thaxter and Thomas Bradford, bailiffs of Great Yarmouth, and I shall take care to deliver it and get it done. Lord Paston went out of town yesterday afternoon extremely satisfied with his reception and entertainment, the great guns at the fort and the gates bidding him farewell. The bailiffs and justices with some others of the town waited on him two miles from the town, where they took leave of him. [*Ibid.* No. 247.]

Oct. 1.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The outward-bound ships now in the Downs are above 100 sail, most stout ships. The wind variable between N.W. and S., but all day little wind, southerly with great fogs. [*Ibid.* No. 248.]

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Plymouth

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. We have to-day advice from Exon that the weavers thereabouts, understanding that some weavers were transporting themselves for Ireland, to which purpose they had brought into the King's warehouse at Topsham several instruments to be transported with them to Ireland, went to Topsham, broke up the warehous, and took away or destroyed those instruments. [*Ibid.* No. 249.] *Enclosed, The said list.* [*Ibid.* No. 249 I.]

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Caveat that no grant pass of any walks in Windsor Forest, particularly of New Lodge walk, without notice to Prince Rupert. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, p. 16.]

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Whitehall.

Proclamation. After reciting that it has been represented by the petition of Martin Stampe and proved by credible witnesses that Timothy, his brother, was in Dec., 1672, taken by a Spanish man-of-war, and his ship, the *Humility*, and the goods therein were

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carried into the Havana, but the governor restored the same with a promise of satisfaction for the damages sustained and a protection against all Spanish ships, yet during her restraint a man-of-war was fitted out, commanded by Don Philip Hellen, *alias* Fitzgerald, the King's natural born subject, who retook the said ship within musket shot of the Castle of Havana, and afterwards tortured and murdered the said Timothy and most of his men; some they hanged till they were half dead and then cut them with their swords and afterwards hung them up again, till they were almost dead, then cut them in pieces with an axe; others had their arms cut off and were cleft down with axes, and that afterwards the said Don Philip and his company shared the said ship and goods, and that the like barbarous cruelty the said Don Philip has since exercised on others of the King's subjects, commanding the said Don Philip within six months after the publication thereof to surrender himself to one of the Secretaries of State or to the Governor of Jamaica or of some other foreign plantation to undergo such order as shall be given concerning him, and, if he fail to do so, offering a reward of 1,000 pieces of eight to any who shall apprehend him and bring him dead or alive before a Secretary of State or governor as aforesaid, and commanding all persons to be diligent to search for and apprehend him and declaring that any subject who shall thereafter conceal or harbour him shall be proceeded against with the utmost severity. [*S.P. Dom., Proclamations, Vol. 3, p. 338.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 250.*]

- Oct. 2. Affidavit by Ippe Hillkes of Milton, Kent, Dutch hoyman, that John Martin, now prisoner in Newgate, is a Dutchman, born at a village called Terherna near Sneek in Friesland. [*Ibid. No. 251.*]
- Oct. 2. Declaration of his Majesty's pleasure that no interest be charged on 2,000*l.* lent by him to Symon Smith towards empaleing the Great Park at Windsor. [*Ibid. No. 252.*]
- Oct. 2. Dr. Christopher Wase to Williamson. He writes at the request of a neighbour, Master Shepheard, keeper of the Greyhound inn, who also holds a coffee-house in St. Mary's Lane, for which he desires the like newsletter as comes to Short's, promising to pay the usual allowance. The person is responsible and would gladly have it superscribed to Wase's chamber in St. Mary Hall and in his name, till the direct address be agreed. [*Ibid. No. 253.*]
- Oct. 2. John Barneby to Williamson. I received yours and in obedience to his Majesty's commands and your directions have taken all possible care to lay aside whatever may obstruct my attendance against the time prefixed, hoping to be somewhat sooner up than the limited day. [*Ibid. No. 254.*]
- Oct. 2. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat is arrived and there is no news. The wind is most westerly. [*Ibid. No. 255.*]
- Oct. 2. Richard Watts to Williamson. About midnight the wind came up E.S.E. and this forenoon N.E. All the ships are sailed, being about 60 stout ships and as many smaller. Not a topsail gale at N.E. [*Ibid. No. 256.*]
- St. Mary Hall,
Oxford.
- Harwich.
- Deal.

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Oct. 2. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Some business drew me
Weymouth. lately into Cornwall, which was the cause you have not heard from
me these three weeks. I desired a friend, if any news happened in
my absence, to write it, but he has written nothing. All that
happened was the coming of a Dutch fleet into Portland Road, that
went thence to Cowes, from whence they were setting sail last
night, as a small vessel of our town come thence informs us. What
more was the coming hither of Lord Shaftesbury, Lord Ashley,
and Mr. Moore, who stands in opposition to Lord Digby, but I
question whether he will carry it, my lord having had a long time
before the other appeared to make his party and having got most
of the gentry. The other trusts much to the commonalty, Lord
Shaftesbury appearing for him. I have had no newsletter from
the office these three weeks or month. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373,*
No. 257.]
- Oct. 2. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 29th arrived the *Windsor*
Lyme. of this place from St. Malo. The master says that place is in much
quietness, but at Morlaix several of the mutineers have been
executed, and that a great difference happened between the Grand
Provost and some of the officers of the Duc de Chaulnes, which
went so high as discharging of pistols and using their swords.
Some killed and wounded. At Rennes they stand out so far as not
to admit the Duke with any force till they have a pardon for what
is past. [*Ibid. No. 258.*]
- Oct. 2. Thomas Cale to Williamson. All that offers by this is the death
Bristol. of Sir Thomas Geere this morning of a fever at his house at
Barrow and that of Mr. Thomas Smyth, brother to Sir Hugh, at
Ashton. [*Ibid. No. 259.*]
- Oct. 2. Secretary Coventry to the Mayor of Harwich. Enclosing a copy
Whitehall. of a memorial presented by the French Minister complaining of the
seizing of a French captain and his prize at Harwich, as he alleges,
without any just cause, and desiring him to give his answer to it
as soon as he can with a clear state of the case. [*Precedents 1,*
f. 112.]
- Oct. 3. John Stronge, town clerk, to Mr. Hewett. Requesting him to
New Sarum. procure the insertion in the *Gazette* of the prefixed account. On
Monday, 20 Sept., the river Avon about two miles from this was
first begun to be opened in order to make it navigable from Christ-
church to this city, according to an Act of Parliament. The Bishop
of the diocese, accompanied by the Mayor, and diverse persons of
quality passed in their coaches to the riverside followed by great
numbers of horse and foot, where the Bishop dug the first spit,
the Mayor and other persons of quality doing the like and giving
liberally for the encouragement of the workmen, when all tokens
of joy were expressed by the people. We have great hopes so good
and public a work will have an answerable success, which is the
less doubted as a prosperous essay and a very fair advance have
already been made, and the completing thereof has been undertaken
by the great care and industry of Samuel Fertre, one of his
Majesty's servants. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 260.*]

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Oct. 3. Col. Richard Kirkby to Williamson. To-day I met here yours of
Preston. 28 Sept., being thus far on my way towards London. On Wednesday from Wigan Sir Roger Bradshaigh, Sir John Otway, Mr. Banks and myself set forth for London. I doubt not we shall kiss your hands before the opening of the Parliament. I have had health enough to perform many troublesome journeys in the service of my sovereign and my country since my coming to these parts, the just account whereof I reserve till I see you, only telling you that, in all parts of the kingdom where I have been since I left you, I have always met with generous and loyal declarations of all duty, obedience, and affectionate well wishes to the King, as also a continual remembrance amongst your friends of your Honour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 261.*]
- Oct. 3. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This morning the wind came up
Deal. at East and the outward-bound fleet of about 200 sail sailed out of the Downs to their several parts. Capt. Harman in the *Sapphire* also sailed with the Turkey ships under his convoy, so that there only remain the *Greyhound*, the *Hunter*, and the *Soldados*. [*Ibid. No. 262.*]
- Oct. 3. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.E. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 263.]
- Oct. 4. Order by the Commissioners for Tangier that an extract from a
Whitehall. letter to them dated $\frac{1}{2}$ July, Cadiz, be communicated to the Committee for Plantations and Trade. *Prefixed,*
*The said extract, viz., the Spaniards do their utmost to hinder the growth of Tangier by harsh treatment of those who used to bring lime, &c., thither and lived in the opposite towns, by orders that none of the produce of Barbary be admitted into Spain, unless it has paid customs at Ceuta and by forbidding the landing in Spain of all English goods which have come from Tangier. Noted as received from Mr. Bridgeman 6 Oct. [*Ibid. No. 264.*]*
- Oct. 4. Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I am informed that the
Piccadilly. establishment for Ireland is to be signed to-day and that the Lord Treasurer pretends to the counter-signing of it. I have been often assured that that has been constantly hitherto performed by the Secretary. You can best know, having all the precedents in your custody. My indisposition not permitting me to attend in person, will you inform his Majesty how the practice has constantly been, and, if it has always hitherto been performed by the Secretary, I hope he will not now take it from the office without a hearing at least. [*Ibid. No. 265.*]
- Oct. 4. Sir William D'Oyly to Williamson. Informing him that he will
Shothesham give ready obedience to his Majesty's commands in Williamson's letter of the 25th. [*Ibid. No. 266.*]
- Oct. 4. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Last night put into the Downs
Deal. the *Portsmouth* yacht by contrary winds being bound for Ostend with the Countess of Glasscoth (? Glasgow), who being somewhat indisposed came ashore and took my house for her entertainment

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till the wind presents fairer for her crossing. Wind S.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 373, No. 267.]

Oct. 4. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. At Spithead are
Portsmouth. two Dutch privateers which have taken a French merchantman laden with white sugar. [*Ibid.* No. 268.]

Oct. 4. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Yesterday came in here a
Weymouth. small privateer of Cherbourg, which last Saturday night off Portland came near a stout ship, part of the Dutch fleet that was at the Isle of Wight, and, as they say, boarded her, but the Dutch ship presently killed eight of the Frenchmen, went aboard their frigate, threw their guns overboard, hacked their foremast but did not cut it down, took away their kettle and other things and so left them, being outward-bound. I have had no letter this day or this month from the office. [*Ibid.* No. 259.]

Oct. 4. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S.E. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 270.]

Oct. 4. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news, much of it the
Pendennis. same as in the next letter. [*Ibid.* No. 271.]

Oct. 4. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Six vessels laden with pilchards
Falmouth. for Cadiz, the Canaries and Leghorn put out of this harbour at 4 p.m. on the 1st, the wind N.E. which so continues.

The 1st came in here the *Blackmore* of Dartmouth from Newfoundland with six more in her company, which was separated from them, but they believe they are passed up the Channel, for they made more sail than these. They have generally made a good year of fishing, and many ships were gone for the market before they came away. A small vessel from Bayonne reports that off Rochelle they met with two French men-of-war of 50 and 80 guns, many of them brass. They took from them some lemons, but paid for them. They have given chase to several capers, but cannot come up with them. The 2nd came in the *Dispatch* of Leith with salt and brandy from Rochelle, which off Belle Isle met a Biscay caper that took from them two hogsheads of brandy and most of their provisions and clothes and beat the men very much. The 3rd came in here the *Katharine* of London from Bordeaux. She had been taken last July by two Fountera (?Fuenterrabia) capers, which carried her into St. Sebastian, and she was not cleared till 18 Sept. last. They were all kept 15 days in prison, and the master and ten of them in a dungeon. She came from thence the 25th and says the captain-general was not then gone for Madrid, being somewhat indisposed. The *Costly Jewel* of Dover came in here laden with wheat from Nantes, which reports that the French had stopped there an Hamburger of 200 tons. Last Saturday and Sunday came in about 30 merchantmen from France and bound for France, wind N.E. which so continues. [*Ibid.* No. 272.]

Oct. 4. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Arthur
Whitehall. Magenis, praying a grant (he placing deficiencies on it) of a parcel of his ancient inheritance granted by Queen Elizabeth to his

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ancestors, and not granted to any of the uses of the Acts of Settlement nor contained in the Lord Lieutenant's books of concealments. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 46*, p. 49.]

Oct. 4.
Whitehall.

Passes for the Sieurs Ducker and Bregel with their servants, &c., to come from any port of France to any port of England. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1*, p. 83.]

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Folliott, Viscount Powerscourt, to the King. Petition stating a former grant to the petitioner dated 15 April, 1663, of lands in co. Wicklow, from which he received no benefit, and that he has now legal debentures from Adventurers and Soldiers to the value of 5,000*l.* and praying a grant to place those deficiencies on such lands as he shall discover, which are liable to satisfy the same, and that he may out of such discoveries be satisfied at the Act rates for the same, and letters patent passed to him as other Adventurers and Soldiers have. *At the foot,*

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Reference thereof to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 385, No. 186.] *Annexed,*

The Lord Lieutenant's report in favour of granting the prayer of the petition, 7 Oct. On the back,

Further reference of the above petition and report to the Lord High Treasurer, 16 Oct., Whitehall, and his report agreeing with that of the Lord Lieutenant. 15 Nov., Wallingford House. [*Ibid.* No. 186 *l.*]

Other copies of the above references and of the Lord Lieutenant's report. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 46*, pp. 49, 55.]

Oct. 5.

Sir L. Jenkins to Williamson. I should not have sent the bearer, but have waited on you myself, had I been anything instructed in the Swedish matter of fact. They appeared before me yesterday, but each did not know (at least pretended they did not) what the other had to say. I ordered them to exhibit in writing their respective pretensions by this morning, but they did not call on me at the hour I appointed, so that I know not what is either done or intended. 'Tis possible that, since this is a cause of action arisen before their war, his Majesty may the more easily decline making a matter of state of it and leave it to his Courts of Justice. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 373, No. 273.]

Oct. 5.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. To-day Mr. James Cooke was chosen Mayor for this borough. After tempestuous winds, now is fair pleasant weather. Wind southerly. [*Ibid.* No. 274.]

Oct. 5.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. I had a letter from the Brill, of which the abstract is as follows:—The Spaniard had retaken Augusta in Sicily from the French, and Mons^r Vivonne had beheaded the governor of it. Mons^r Vivonne, commanding 40 French ships near the Straits mouth, was with them returned to Toulon to refit, and then for sea again. At Nantes, Dunkirk and Havre war was proclaimed against Hamburg, but not at Paris itself. The Prince of Orange lies with his army about Hannoyt (Hainault), and the French about Sombref, two leagues from Charleroi. It is reported that the Prince's army will go into winter quarters

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8 Nov. next. The Prince of Condé had laid all his horse into fresh quarters, reserving four men out of each troop for his guard, so that in a few days he will have his horse in a brave condition, and 10,000 new horse to be joined with him.

The French King is inclinable to call in his proclamation granting liberty of fishing to the subjects of the States.

Wind southerly. At 10 last Saturday morning the packet-boat was not come in, when I sealed my letter of that day, but riding abroad some miles out of town I saw her come about the fort. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 373, No. 275.*]

Oct. 5. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. In my last I gave you an account Deal. of the arrival of the *Portsmouth* yacht with the Countess of Glasscoeth, but since I understand she is the Countess of Southesk. This morning the wind presented and she embarked for Ostend. [*Ibid. No. 276.*]

Oct. 5. George Dyer for his master Capt. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Plymouth. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Wind S. [*Ibid. No. 277.*]
Enclosed,
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 277 1.*]

Oct. 5. Patent for 14 years to Richard Reeves of an invention for Whitehall. casting and spreading of light by a new and unusual figure of foiled glass polished without grinding with pipes of glass to hold candles or lamps. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 84.*]

Oct. 5. Sir Maurice Eustace to Williamson. At my last being at Court, having obliged myself to pay a sum of money to the Duchess of Cleveland, which I was unable to do till I was paid 1,750*l.*, which by a report from the Lords of the Council here appeared due to my uncle, his Majesty graciously inclined that it should be paid out of the fund for the sea regiment, but, discoursing with Lord Arlington about it, we found that money was fully charged and no other fund was then remaining, whereupon I left the letter with Mr. Bridgeman, till some probable way might be thought of for my satisfaction. Now that the establishment is capable of enlargement by the increase of the revenue, I hope it may not be unseasonable to beg you to move his Majesty to have this inserted, or, if the establishment be made up, that you will obtain a letter with a clause to insert it on the establishment here, which will hasten payment to her Grace. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 187.*]

Oct. 6. Certificates by Sir W. Peake that John and Cornelis Bart took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, Nos. 1 and 2.*]

Oct. 6. Lord Alington to Williamson. Informing him that he shall not Horseheath. fail to be at the opening of the Parliament. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

Oct. 6. William Chetwynd to Williamson. Your deputy has received more bruises by drinking your health than the Count de Vaudemont at the siege of Treves. He, fearing to be thought of the French faction, because he came sometimes to Whitehall, resolved the last campaign to renounce claret and associate himself the Mynheers' bag-rag, Moselle, Hocomore (hockheimer) and

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Rheingaw. With these confederate forces he sat down before a body of men of your acquaintance, raised four batteries and played very violently into them with Romer and Ramakin. The encounter grew hot and desperate, but, though he received several shots in the face, which made their way through him, yet he was at the point of reducing and carrying the party, when a great Sir Joseph, a brimmer to your Honour (an unfortunate shot like that at Saltzbach), hit him just in the mouth. Down dropped the deputy. At first it was thought this shot had disabled him in his upper and lower tier, *anglicé* dashed out his teeth, but on diligent search only the end of his tongue was missing which was found next morning amongst the rubbish of his mouth, and he restored again to his utterance. This is the fruit of conversing with Rhenish to drink forsooth our secretary's health, who, I think, has got his Majesty's letters patent that none but his shall be drunk in that liquor, or those whom he shall authorize under his hand and seal. The Germans are much obliged to you for bringing their drinks so much in fashion and doubtless on the next vacancy you'll stand fair for the Electorship of Cologne. If it prove, I'll beg to be your Furstemburg, and then I shall be Prince William. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 4.*]

Oct. 6.
Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. These two or three days several laden ships have passed by plying to the southward, the wind being much southerly, blowing hard. [*Ibid. No. 5.*]

Oct. 6.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. About 2 this afternoon the *Maryland Merchant* coming in for the Downs borrowed so much on the shore of the North Foreland, that she is grounded, it being on a dangerous place, and it is very much doubted if she will get off, but many boats are gone to her assistance. Wind W.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 6.*]

Oct. 6.
Whitehall.

Patent for 14 years to Goodwin Wharton of certain new inventions for buoying up of ships, and the more easy landing and lading of goods. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 83.*]

Oct. 7.
Whitehall.

Order in Council. After reciting that the 1st instant the Lord Treasurer was directed to cause the Commissioners of the Customs to examine the allegations of Edward Colston and Richard Stanley touching the freedom of the *Victory* of London and their report dated 7 Oct., Custom House, London, that the *Victory* being foreign built was a prize taken in the late war and adjudged to his Majesty at Tangier, where she was bought of the Prize Commissioners for valuable consideration for the petitioners, who have expended upwards of 1,000*l.* in fitting and repairing her in England, and that she is now on a voyage from Lisbon to Venice and is intended thence to Zante and Cephalonia to lade currants for this port, where in strictness of law she and her lading are subject to forfeiture, the importation of commodities of the Ottoman Empire being restrained to English built shipping: that Secretary Williamson prepare a warrant for his Majesty's signature for making the said ship a free ship, to trade and enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities of an English built ship. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 7.*]

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Oct. 7. Certificate by Sir John Frederick that Anthony Nyssen took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 8.]
- Oct. 7. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind blows a stiff westerly gale. I hope my letter of 30 Sept. came to your hands, in which I had in short represented my case which I had more amply represented to Sir R. Southwell by one of the same date. Prince Rupert's yacht, bound, it is said, for the Rhine, is here at present. Before sealing this, she was gone without the fort. [*Ibid.* No. 9.]
- Oct. 7. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. In my last I gave you an account of the ship aground on the North Foreland, but by the favour of the weather and the assistance of men and boats, she is got off again with little damage. [*Ibid.* No. 10.]
- Oct. 7. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last night arrived a vessel from Deal. Bilboa, which says that the Spaniard, French and Dutch capers in the Channel and Bay of Biscay plunder all Englishmen under the notion of Loonedrogers or pretended Englishmen. Several other vessels lately coming in make the same complaint. 'Tis reported by many masters of ships that those that sail from the Downs to Holland and Flanders are very ill-treated by the capers. Another great fleet is come and coming down from the Thames bound to all remote parts. It blows very hard at south-west. [*Ibid.* No. 11.]
- Oct. 7. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. Since my last Portsmouth. advising of two Dutch privateers surprising a French West India merchant ship homeward-bound laden with sugars, &c., they put within the Isle of Wight and tarried two or three days at anchor at Spithead, and are since sailed for Holland. [*Ibid.* No. 12.]
- Oct. 7. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S.S.W. [*Ibid.* Truro. No. 13.]
- Oct. 7. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 14.]
- Oct. 7. John Man to Williamson. A small vessel of this town arrived Falmouth. here this week informs us that the Dutch have attacked Brouage Swansea. near Rochelle, and that four men-of-war of theirs were lying off Belle Isle, and upon this unexpected news, which they allege came to Berrick (? Pornic), a small port in Brittany where they were, the King's forces, that were ordered to quarter in several parts of Brittany to suppress the late rebellion, were commanded to march with all speed towards Brouage, but we are not too ready to give credit to it, it being a place of so great strength, and there being no intelligence of any considerable fleet of the Dutch in these parts. [*Ibid.* No. 15.]
- Oct. 7. Memorandum that Lord Berkeley took leave of the King that day in order to his journey for France. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, f. 208.]
- Oct. 7. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of the Earl of Whitehall. Orrery, praying an order to the Lord Lieutenant to place some

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unsatisfied debentures to the quantity of 8,000*l.* on such lands as he has or shall discover in Munster, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 49.*]
- Oct. 7.
Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Marmaduke Darcy, a gentleman usher of the Privy Chamber, praying he may be placed on the Civil List for all or part of 3,000*l.* ordered in the late Act of Settlement. [*Ibid.*]
- Oct. 7.
Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Sir William Talbot, Bart., desiring the quit-rents of his ancient estate. [*Ibid. p. 50.*]
- Oct. 7.
Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Ellen, Lady Kinsale, desiring 397*l.* in behalf of her son Patrick, Lord Courcy, which was referred to the Lord Treasurer (*see ante, p. 173*) who has reported it was most proper to be paid out of the Irish revenue. [*Ibid.*]
- Oct. 7. Warrant to the Lord Keeper to seal Lord Berkeley's commission to go as ambassador to France. [*Precedents 1, f. 112.*]
- Oct. 7.
Newmarket. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant to Richard Aldworth of the offices of Craner, Wharfinger and Packer in the port of Dublin, and all and singular the bays, creeks and other places belonging thereto, to hold the same for his life from and after the determination of the interest of Thomas Tilson, the present holder. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 406.*]
- Oct. 8. Order by the Earl of Arlington—after reciting letters patent of Charles I., dated 23 April, 1645, Oxford, granting to William Bishop the office of serjeant-at-arms attending the Speaker in reversion after John Hunt, Michael Crage and Richard Bishope, who are all now dead—that the said William Bishop be sworn into the said place, and nomination by the said Earl of him to attend the Speaker. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 16.*]
- Oct. 8.
Worcester. J. W. to William Berry, stationer, at the Globe between York House and the New Exchange, Strand. You may get good gain, if you get engraven a very long chimney large enough for Cardinal Wolsey's kitchen at the fullest length of a sheet of royal paper, and on several marbles or chimney pieces get the following epigrams printed fairly :—
- 1 The *too too* Long Parliaments.
Long Parliaments a curse : those took away
All from the King, the people these betray.
 - 2 The Chimney Parliament.
W'are censuring the Chimney Parliament ;
More prayers th'ave had, than that which was *too long*.
Poor cottagers do pray they may *repent*,
And all that say not twice Amen do'em wrong.
 - 3 Tanquam pro aris focusque fortiter dimicandum est.
Conventum hic celebrat *Longum*, favet ille *Foculi* :
Vendidit ille aras ; vendidit hicce focos.

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- 4 The Chimney Frame.
 Search histories and chronicles before
 And since our Magna Charta none can name
 A Parliament or rump, which robbed the poor,
 And wronged freeholders like this chimney frame.
- 5 The Rump and Hearth Parliaments.
 Long Parliament ends in a stinking rump,
 So may Hearth Parliament, for good wits jump.
- 6 For King and Parliament.
 Some for the King, some are for Parliament;
 I am for both, the best of both I meant.
 Good parliaments may heal the faults of kings
 But a bad parliament's the worst of things.
- 7 The universal Medicine for all England.
 To heal all England next election thus;
 No Court pimp, chimney pier, nor incubus.
 When you choose next,
 Choose by the text—*Exodus* xviii. v. 21.

My cousin Worden or my cousin Prick may assist you in the design and in the sale, and the last and the Latin epigram will hold out in esteem for a long age and better and better.

High shoes redeem from wooden shoes,
 Else England grows too weak for ploughs,
 England, stand for your juries, 'tis your right,
 That lost, bid lives and liberties good night.

[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 17.]

Oct. 8. Richard Potts to Williamson. High blowing winds day by day,
 Stockton S. and by W. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]

Oct. 8. Richard Bower to Williamson. To-day our head bailiff inquired
 Yarmouth if I had heard from you concerning Mr. Watson's freedom, from
 whom I had no sooner parted but I met Mr. Watson, who, I perceive,
 despaired of gaining his desires and so returned home. I under-
 stand from him he has no employment in the King's service, but
 only made Mr. Chiffinch and Dr. Wren his friends towards procuring
 the King's letter. Mr. Osborne, your servant that was and may be
 now, is here with the Royal Oak lottery. I have met him several
 times on the quay, and have invited him to my house but he never
 came. Our herring fishery proves the best ever known, for never was
 the like quantity brought into the town so soon, which will occasion
 many more ships to go for the Straits than formerly. I have one
 I design thither, which will be launched next Tuesday, of about
 150 tons and 10 guns. If you would adventure this way I would
 spare you a part of her. [*Ibid.* No. 19.]

Oct. 8. George Dyer for his master Captain Lanyon to Williamson.
 Plymouth Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 20.] *Enclosed,*
 The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 20i.]

Oct. 8. Warrant for a pardon to Sir Thomas Armstrong of all offences
 Whitehall concerning the killing of — Scroop or any other person with
 restitution of lands and goods. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 145.]

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Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of the Earl of Anglesey, setting forth his losses in Ireland and hard measure in the Court of Claims, and the non-payment of his pension of 600*l.* a year there, and praying his case may be examined with the means of relief he shall offer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 52.*]

Oct. 8.
Newcastle

Sir Francis Anderson and William Christian to Williamson. When we waited on you, some discourse was offered relating to the election of knights for Durham, and, since our coming into our county, we have fully informed ourselves of the particulars relating thereto. Three stood. Col. Tempest and Mr. Vane we find to be returned, the latter of whom within 48 hours of the election was publicly known to be dead, but was thought by many to be so before the end of the election and sealing of the indenture. Sir James Clavering, who had the best interest of the gentry with Col. Tempest, had 756 votes for him, a great number for so little a county and all of the best qualified electors. Mr. Vane had but 99 more, how well fitted to give votes we know not. The report of the county is Sir James was not well dealt with, and, had Mr. Vane lived, the election had been disputed by Sir James, but, Mr. Vane being dead, it is here the sense of most people that there will be no need of a new writ, but that the sheriff may make a return for Sir James on a motion in the House, it being a parallel case with that of Sir E. Spragg and Mr. Papillon. We hope, as you see just cause, you will assist in the coming on so good and advantageous a business to these northern countries, Sir James being as well qualified both for his Majesty's and country's service as any person whatsoever, and having, as he and we all conclude, a just right of election, he is willing to stand by that and not any other way, to give himself or his friends the trouble of attending or waiting at Committees, if he may not enjoy that kindness and favour really designed him by the country. Our great desire that those well-known as fit for his Majesty's service may be taken into the House puts us on the confidence and your Honour the trouble of this, hoping your good assistance on the motion to be made in the House may put a conclusion to the matter and thereby receive so good a member. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 21.*]

Oct. 9.
Harwich

Silas Taylor to Williamson. These blustering westerly winds not only forbid the arrival of the packet-boats, but have done mischief among our trading ships. A ship of this town lately perished in her voyage to Newcastle, and another that sailed hence last Monday is believed to be lost. The *Portsmouth* yacht, as it's said, came into this port last Thursday at night and sailed yesterday morning. Notwithstanding the weather a very considerable fleet of laden colliers is passing by for the Thames, betwixt 40 and 50 in one body and others are coming up. [*Ibid. No. 22.*]

Oct. 9.
Rye

James Welsh to Williamson. To-day went hence for Havre a Dutch flyboat laden with masts and deals brought in as prize two years ago by a French privateer, they not daring to venture her out before.

On the disorder committed in our harbour about a month ago, the Governor of Dover Castle's officer has seized the French vessel,

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on pretence of piracy, supposing her to act without commission. The Governor ordered the Mayor of Rye to send him an exact account of the whole proceeding, which is done. When the matter is decided whether she be deemed forfeited or not, in the order adjudging her to the first proprietor or the Governor, I entreat there may be a clause for payment of the expenses incurred here on account of the wounded man who was brought here out of her both as to his diet and cure. He is like to recover though wounded so desperately, as one shall not often hear of. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374. No. 23.*]

Oct. 9.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 7th arrived the *Concord* of this place in three days from Rotterdam and the *Adventure* of this place in 24 hours from St. Malo. By the first we hear that the Prince of Orange's army has a great sickness and mortality amongst them and many deserters for want of pay. Their fishery from Greenland was arrived very considerable. The Dane has declared war against some of the Hanse Towns as Lübeck, Hamburg, &c. From Brittany we hear that the Duc de Chaulnes looks very diligently after the heads of the rebels, but at Rennes they would not admit his force with him into the town, but are at some terms with him. They are fitting out ships with letters of reprisal on the Hamburgers for some losses they pretend they have sustained by them. [*Ibid. No. 24.*]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir L. Jenkins. The King commands the enclosed paper sent me by M. de Ruvigny be transmitted to you for your opinion. I am not assured how the fact truly stands, so as to build your judgement upon it, but I have directed those interested in the lading of the hoy to attend you for more perfect information. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 55.*]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Master of the Rolls. The day for the meeting of the Parliament being now come, his Majesty desiring much a full house this sessions has particularly commanded me to signify his pleasure, that you order your affairs so that he may have you here at the first meeting of Parliament, and to let you know he would speak with you at your first coming to town, which I am again to press you may be Tuesday night at furthest. [*Ibid.*]

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Memorandum that the King at the suit of the Duke of Ormonde has promised the parsonage of Worthin, Shropshire, in the diocese of Hereford, to Edward Jones, chaplain to his Grace, on the death of the present incumbent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 16.*]

Similar memorandum. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 25.*]

Oct. 9.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Keeper and Secretary Coventry of the difference between the Earl and Countess of Lichfield and the Earl of Rochester, his Majesty having signed a warrant for a grant to Sir Walter St. John and three others of the office of Ranger of Woodstock Park, after the determination of the Earl of Rochester's estate, during the lives of the Earl and Countess of Lichfield, and also a grant to the same persons of the offices of steward and

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lieutenant of the manor of Woodstock, keeper of the Great Park, Ranger of the Forest, Lord Warden of the bailiwick of the Forest of Woodstock, &c., during the said lives after the determination of Lord Lovelace's estate therein, and it being desired that a *caveat*, put in on behalf of the Earl of Rochester, on supposition that it might prejudice his right in the rangership which he has during pleasure, might be withdrawn, as the said grant will in no manner prejudice his right. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 51.*]

Oct. 9.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the Lord Treasurer's report dated 30 Sept., Wallingford House, on the reference to him of the Earl of Inchiquin's petition desiring a grant of the castle, town and lands of Kilnecarra and other lands in the barony of Barrymore, co. Cork, of which he and his father had been for several years in actual and quiet possession, which was, that, though there does not appear any particular inconvenience if his Majesty should strengthen the petitioner's title by a grant as desired, yet, that, if his Majesty be pleased to give directions to the Lord Lieutenant for passing such a grant, it may be requisite that a clause be inserted in such directions that such grant do not pass, if on further examination he should find any inconveniency in it. [*Ibid. p. 52.*]

Oct. 10.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Last night arrived a ship from Virginia, which came thence 28 July last. He reports of the great loss of their Indian corn and tobacco, and that their hogs and other beasts died much above the major part, and that the New England men that brought them corn and other provisions exacted very much on them. There are about 80 ships in the Downs; at least 50 under sail outward-bound. Wind variable between N. and N.W., not a topsail gale. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 26.*]

Oct. 10.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. An Ostend privateer took a small French vessel laden with salt and brandy. The French master compounded with the privateer and she's brought in here. Some of the place, having advanced the sum agreed on with the privateer, for their security took the vessel and goods into their custody. [*Ibid. No. 27.*]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Keeper and the Lord Chief Baron of the petition of Sarah, Viscountess Castleton, representing that endeavours are made to pass a grant for three lives in reversion of the office of Remembrancer of the Exchequer, of which his Majesty granted to her late husband, Lord Fanshawe, four lives, and, Baron Bertie being made a judge, the petitioner's son, an infant, is deprived of a life, and therefore praying that any such grant may be stopped till the petitioner be heard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 53.*]

[Oct. ?]

Philip Wickham, the elder, one of the sergeants at mace of the town of Cambridge, to the King. Petition, showing that his son Philip Wickham, the younger, returning on foot from London to Cambridge met one Henry Morley, and at Tottenham High Cross took a horse of John Shipman's, and rode him till within two miles of Cambridge and there they turned him up, that Morley is since fled, and that Shipman, hearing his horse was near Cambridge,

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came and took him out of the hands of William Butler of Barnwell, who had got him out of Trumpington pound, and Shipman had the petitioner's son apprehended and indicted for stealing the horse, and that at the last Cambridgeshire assizes he was condemned and sentenced to death, but was reprieved for a short time by Sir William Ellis, one of the Justices of assize, and praying a pardon, inasmuch as his son, till he met the said Morley, had always lived soberly and industriously.

With certificate at foot signed by 15 Justices of Cambridgeshire that the petition is in substance true. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 28.]

- Oct. 11. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last Saturday, the wind being
Pendennis. N.W., upwards of 100 sail, bound for France, went out of this harbour. Here are now Capt. Harman in the new *Sefayr* (*Sapphire*) frigate, and 23 ships for the Straits, 13 for the Canaries, 3 for Guinea and 3 for Virginia. The wind is now S. [*Ibid.* No. 29.]
- Oct. 11. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 7th came in here the
Falmouth. *Turkey Merchant*, the *Lerant*, the *Mary and Martha* and the *Golden Fleece* with several others bound for several places in the Straits convoyed by the *Sapphire*. The 9th about 80 merchantmen put to sea bound for several ports in France, wind W.N.W., which so continued till this morning, when it came about to S.S.E. so it is believed they will be forced to put back. Yesterday about 30 sail were seen off this, supposed to be come out of Plymouth with the last winds, so that, if the winds hold, they will be forced to put back again. The Straits and the Canary fleet with those of Guinea, &c. are still in port. [*Ibid.* No. 30.]
- Oct. 11. Sir J. Williamson to the Earl of Suffolk. The King, suspecting
10 p.m. you are too keen a jockey to leave Newmarket for the Parliament,
Whitehall. commands me to dispatch this express to bring your proxy, which you will please sign thus in blank, though he designs it for Lord Maynard. I have sent you another blank, in case any other lord who has not yet disposed of his proxy should be with you. I know you are too full of the sports of that place to ask for news, or, if you did, there is none to send you at present. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 56.]
- Oct. 11. Pardon to Philip Wickham, junior, of Cambridge, barber, for
Whitehall. horsestealing. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 84.]
- Oct. 11. Warrant for inserting Amy Farthing, condemned at Cambridge,
Whitehall. 23 Sept. last, for felony, in the next general pardon for transportation for the Norfolk circuit, and for respiting in the meantime the sentence of death passed upon her. [*Ibid.* p. 85.]
- Oct. 11. Warrant for inserting John Martin, a prisoner in Newgate
Whitehall. condemned for burglary, in the next general pardon without any condition of transportation. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- Oct. 11. Grant of naturalization to the *Victory* of London, a prize ship
bought from the Commissioners for Prizes at Tangier by Edward Colston and Richard Stanley, merchants. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 86.]

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Warrant for a grant to William Thomas, Clerk of the Cheque to the Band of Pensioners, of the personal estate of his kinswoman Peregrina Wingfield of Salop, forfeited by her having hanged herself last August, with a proviso that the debts due by her at her death be satisfied. [*Precedents* 1, f. 112.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that Daniel, Viscount Clare, had besought that the quit-rent reserved out of his lands in Limerick and Clare granted to him in fee-simple by letters patent of 17 Dec., 1666, might be discharged, and that they might be charged with only the rent payable thereout in 1641, as the quit-rents according to the said letters patent are a great part of the yearly value thereof, and letters of the — day of this instant October directing a commission to be issued for remitting quit-rents due out of such coarse and barren lands, so that the total remitted should not exceed 4,000*l. per annum*, and that he had on the general estimate of the quit-rents fit to be remitted out of such coarse and barren lands already designed to remit to the said Viscount by reason of the coarseness and barrenness of his lands 381*l. 19s. 1d. per annum* out of his rent of 816*l. 13s. 10½d. per annum*; authorizing and requiring him to cause letters patent to be forthwith passed containing a release and discharge to the said Viscount of 736*l. 13s. 10½d. per annum* out of the said yearly rent of 816*l. 16s. 10½d.* reserved by the said letters patent, and of the said sum so to be remitted 381*l. 19s. 1d. per annum* is to be reckoned as part of the said sum of 4,000*l.* authorized to be remitted, and 354*l. 14s. 9½d. per annum* is to be accounted as part of the 1,000*l.*, which by the contract with the new Farmers of the Revenue the King has reserved power to remit without any defalcation to be allowed them, and further declaring that the yearly rent of 80*l. per annum* so to be reserved, be reserved out of such lands as the said Viscount shall desire and not out of his whole estate, except the lands on which it shall be reserved shall be insufficient to satisfy it, in which case his whole estate shall be liable to such rent, with a proviso that no lands be charged with a greater proportion of the said yearly rent than the quit-rent that such lands would be liable to pay by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, if they were subject thereto, and further directing that, if the said Viscount desires to surrender his said letters patent, new letters patent of the lands therein contained be granted him without any fine or mention of such surrender, he paying thereout the said sum of 80*l. per annum*, the said releases and discharges of the present rent and the reservation of the said 80*l. per annum* to commence from Christmas next. [*Nearly 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 355.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that several lands in Limerick and Clare were formerly passed in certificate by the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation to Daniel, Viscount Clare, under a great yearly quit-rent, which lands pursuant to the said certificate were afterwards passed to him by letters patent of 17 Dec., 1666, and the last letter reducing the said rent to 80*l.*, and that there is

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a great arrear due from the said Viscount for the said lands since they were passed to him in certificate, which has not been remitted but is due and payable, directing him to give effectual orders for casting up and stating what rent is now due out of the said Viscount's lands from the time he was possessed thereof either by proviso in the Act of Settlement or Explanation, certificate or letters patent over and above what has been levied or received thereout, and thereupon to give effectual order to the Barons of the Exchequer to seize the said lands for the said rent and arrears, and the same being so seized to grant the same in *custodium* to Thomas, Earl of Sussex, to be enjoyed by him till the whole sum in arrear for the said lands be satisfied and paid, the rent to be reserved in such *custodium* to be 80*l. per annum*, with a proviso that such seizure or *custodium* shall not extend to any lands the rents of which have been paid to the King or the said Viscount, but the same shall be held by the respective tenants or occupiers thereof freed from such seizure and *custodium*, and further the Farmers of the great branches of the Revenue in Ireland and Lord Ranelagh and his partners are to be allowed such defalcations as shall be due to them respectively by reason of the discharging of the said rent and of the granting thereof to the Earl of Sussex. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 358.*]

Drafts of the last two documents. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, Nos. 188, 189.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the petition of Captain George Purdon stating that he as a Protestant proprietor is and has been seised of the lands hereafter mentioned in fee, which lands were never seized nor sequestered, and that he was in the usurper's time necessitated to draw out a decree of the said lands, and praying that a surrender thereof might be accepted and a regrant thereof made to him, a reference thereof to the Earl of Danby, and his report dated 30 Sept., Wallingford House, stating that he had advised on the said petition with the Lord Lieutenant, and cannot find that granting the request will be any prejudice to the King's service, and that the petitioner very well deserves his Majesty's favour; authorizing and requiring him to accept a surrender of the said lands and to cause letters patent to be passed containing an effectual grant to the said Captain Purdon in fee simple of all the said lands now in his possession and surrendered by him, being lands particularly described lying in the parish of Abbyowny, barony of Clanwilliam, co. Limerick, and in the parishes of Tuogonela (*sic*) and Inishcaltra, barony of Fulloe (Tulla), co. Clare, which were decreed to him as aforesaid in the usurper's time, he paying therefor 3*l. per annum* over and above the yearly rent now payable. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 363.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting a reference to the Committee for Irish Affairs of the petition of Sir Thomas Blake concerning the granting to him of the King's title to the lands decreed to Dame Ellinor Blake, his mother, he not having received the benefit intended him by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and their report that notice had been given to the

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Agent for the Adventurers to attend them, and give in his exceptions, if any, to the said petition, and, he not appearing, they find that the petitioner's mother, Dame Ellinor Blake, was adjudged an innocent Papist by the Commissioners of Claims, and that the King by letters of 20 April, 1661, directed to the then Lords Justices, ordered that, notwithstanding he had accepted lands in Connaught, the petitioner should be forthwith restored to all the lands in Ireland, whereof his father, Sir Valentine Blake, was dispossessed by the late usurped powers, and by letters of 29 June, 1661, ordered that the petitioner should be restored to his father's estate as freely and in the same manner as the Earl of Clancarty, Richard Beling and others were, which was without any previous reprisals, and that by the Act of Settlement the petitioner was to have been restored to his said father's estate, and that by order in Council of 20 July, 1665, a clause was ordered to be inserted in the Act of Explanation then under consideration to restore the petitioner to that part of his estate which was not in the hands of Adventurers or Soldiers, but that by some mistake the same was omitted, and that the lands mentioned in the said decree lie in Clare, Galway and Mayo, which were no part of the satisfaction for Soldiers and Adventurers by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation and that they were of opinion that the King might grant to the petitioner all his title to the reversion of the said lands so decreed to his said mother, he paying the usual rents for the same, which report was read and approved in Council the 5th of this instant February (*sic*); for a grant to the said Sir Thomas Blake and his heirs of all the lands and hereditaments to which the said Dame Ellinor Blake was adjudged an innocent Papist as aforesaid and now has in her possession, being lands particularly described in Clare, Mayo and Galway, and to which by the said several letters and orders he was to have been restored, he paying such rents and services as shall be due for the same with a saving of the interests of creditors and relations, notwithstanding the orders of 28 July last and of the 1st of this instant October for stopping all grants or any other orders or directions to the contrary. [*Nearly 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 376.*]

[Oct. ?] Note by Williamson that Lord Clare's letter was finally agreed to and Lord Barrymore's letter. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 190.*]

[Oct. ?] Joan Jones, the wife of Francis Jones, a prisoner in Maidstone gaol, to the King. Petition for a free pardon to her husband, who was condemned for breaking open a house in the daytime and taking away 20s. worth of clothes, and was afterwards put into a pardon for transportation, as she, being a poor woman and having a great charge of children to provide for, must, without the help of his labour, inevitably perish through want. *At the foot,*

Oct. 12. *Reference thereof to Sir John Howell, before whom the prisoner*
Whitehall. *was tried. At the side,*

His report, that the prisoner with John Swanton being convicted before me (being then one of the Justices of Assize for Kent last March) for the crime above mentioned, both had judgment to be hanged, and Swanton was accordingly executed, being an old thief, but the prisoner, not having been formerly convicted

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of any such offence and being drawn into this by his companion's temptation, I reprieved him in order for transportation, but to make him sensible of his offence, and to deter him for the future, I caused him to be brought with his companion to the place of execution, and ordered that his companion should be executed in his sight, but ordered the sheriff to reprieve the prisoner and bring him back to Maidstone gaol, where he has remained ever since, and, if your Majesty shall have him put into a free pardon, I presume he will take heed how he falls into any such offence hereafter. 14 Dec. On the back,

Declaration by the King that he is pleased to grant the petitioner's request that her husband be inserted into the next free pardon for convicts without clause of transportation, 16 Jan., 1675-6, Whitehall. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 31.]

Oct. 12. Sir L. Jenkins to Williamson. Herewith goes my opinion on the Hamburg prizes. I cannot come up to Mr. Bankes' desire that we should contend to have the bottom free on pretence that the captor's commission was of older date than the war against Hamburg.

His Majesty by his proclamation of 8 Feb., 1667-8, has sufficiently declared that *all places and tracts at sea that may be reasonably construed to be within the denomination of port, haven, road or creek, shall have the peace inviolably kept in them*, but, I know not by what occasion, the word *King's Chambers* is not made use of there nor in any part of the proclamation. 'Tis true it is not mentioned likewise in King James'. But then I submit to what use was that solemn return made by a jury on oath in the Admiralty touching the King's Chambers which gave rise to King James' proclamation. That return, if there be any use of it on this occasion, is the first paper in your great Book of Proclamations. [*Ibid.* No. 32.]

Oct. 12. The Earl of Suffolk to Williamson. I received your express this morning with the proxies, before which Lord Oxford and I had ordered ours to be drawn up and sent to Lord Maynard this post. I am very glad his Majesty approves of what we desired. I beg you to let him know I can most willingly leave all things here, if I may be in any kind serviceable to him. I wish your business in Parliament may prove as pleasant to you as our innocent sports do to us here. [*Ibid.* No. 33.]

Oct. 12. William, Lord Crofts, to Williamson. Sending him by his messenger to the Earl of Suffolk his proxy in blank. [*Ibid.* No. 34.]

Oct. 12. Martin Hirst to Williamson. Reminding him to speak to Sir Charles Cotterell to move Sir Thomas Clayton, Warden of Merton, on behalf of his son, Martin Hirst, of Trinity College, who intends to stand for a fellowship at Merton at the next election, which, 'tis supposed, will be in next Easter term, when there will be four fellowships at least to be filled up. [*Ibid.* No. 35.]

Oct. 12. Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Saturday afternoon sailed from the Tees 80 sail of this place laden with lead, butter and coals for Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Ostend and St. Valery with a fair westerly wind which still continues. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

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Oct. 12. Silas Taylor to Williamson. We have had no packet-boat of
Harwich. late, all three are at present absent. The wind is northerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 37.*]
- Oct. 12. Richard Watts to Williamson. The wind came northerly last
Deal. night. The Virginia, Straits and West India ships are under sail, and conclude it will veer easterly. 3 p.m. It continues northerly, very little of it. [*Ibid. No. 38.*]
- Oct. 12. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind E.N.E. No news. [*Ibid. Portsmouth. No. 39.*]
- Oct. 12. George Dyer for his master, Capt. Philip Lanyon, to Williamson.
Plymouth. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Wind S.W. [*Ibid. No. 40.*]
Enclosed,
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 40 I.*]
- Oct. 12. Secretary Coventry to the Clerk of the Signet attending.
Whitehall. Whereas by the late instructions of his Majesty to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of 18 Sept. last it is declared that no patent for granting land or money or releasing or abating rents in Ireland shall be passed in England without the Chief Governor of Ireland having been first acquainted therewith, and his Majesty's pleasure is that this rule be entered in the Signet Office and in other offices here that it may concern, these are to give you notice of his Majesty's pleasure, that you may take care that nothing pass your office contrary to the said rule. With memorandum that the like was sent to the Attorney and Solicitor General of the same date. [*Precedents 1, f. 114.*]
- Oct. 13. The Speeches of the King and the Lord Keeper to both Houses of Parliament. (Printed in *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII, pp. 4, 5.*) [*Printed. Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, Nos. 41, 42.*]
- Oct. 13. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which sufficiently appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII, pp. 5, 6.* [*Ibid. No. 43.*]
- Oct. 13, 14. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords on those days, which sufficiently appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII, pp. 5-7.* [*Ibid. No. 44.*]
- Oct. 13. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which sufficiently appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX, pp. 357, 350.* [*Two copies, one containing another copy of the King's speech. Ibid. Nos. 45, 46.*]
- Oct. 13 and Nov. 22. Extracts from *Commons' Journals* of the proceedings on those days, on the first down to the beginning of the King's Speech, and on the second the whole (printed in *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX, p. 357 and p. 382.*) Endorsed by Williamson, "Adjournments, Prorogations, House of Commons." With note by him "Whereupon Seymour, Speaker, was like to be questioned by the House for leaving the chair without a question." [*Ibid. No. 47.*]
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Oct. 14. Robert Wescomb to Antonio Phelippe Fernandes, merchant banker, London. I have had none from you since your first, having written

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several to you, which makes me suppose you approve not of what I wrote. Had I been there, I could make it appear that all I signified to you is grounded on many substantial reasons which cannot be made out by writing only to argue with you.

The galleons expected next month do not come till January or February, by reason the plate was not arrived at Panama from Lima, and this is attributed that some Indians of the Islands of Chiloe informed those of Chili that some white men inhabited in one of those islands, and they suppose them to be English, so that the merchants of Lima feared to embark their moneys. This information of the Indians the Governor of Chili communicated to the Vice-King of Lima.

These islands of Chiloe are about 60. They are 20 leagues from Baldivia towards the Straits of Magellan, and from them they have their timber for shipbuilding and many other necessities for the trade of Chili to Lima. Though they are 60, there is but one inhabited by Spaniards, the rest with Indians, and he that is master of that island can master the trade of the South Sea from Chili to States General's

Lima. I have sent you 581 declaration in the year '63, they having received the same abuses as you receive now daily.

Sir W. Godolphin

I gave it 260 above a year and a half ago to send it thither, that you may do as they have done, other ways you shall King of England

see daily more and more insolvency used against 348 for Spain

578 thinks you dare not do the least demonstration against them, and you are infinitely mistaken, for never expect any good or kindness, but such as you will force them to for fear. This is their nature and always has been. To prove it I can give you a hundred reasons, but will now mention only one. Can or could King of England

348 offend them more than they have done in the West Indies peace

314? What did it produce but such 478 as you never King of England

expected? Let 348 show themselves as they ought and you shall see them immediately court and esteem you, and peace

this can be done very moderately without any breach of 478, mentioning in your declaration those articles that justify your proceedings. This is the only way, if you think to get any reason Spain

from 578.

Don Juan d'Austria goes at Longronny (? Logrono) to Italy, for his train marches to Barcelona, where he himself is expected by 8 Nov. What money he desires is sent him, and the Dutch men-of-war are expected there daily, they having left Cadiz, only they delay in their voyage three months, as they did from the Texel to Cadiz. The Marquis de Leiva goes also to Rome, on which journey he is these 14 months, using all the art he could to lay aside that embassy to remain in the Court. But all could not do, he having many wishing him there hence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 48.*]

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Oct. 13.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Attorney-General. Reminding him of the signification he gave him yesterday of his Majesty's pleasure in the case of Mr. Humphreys, one of the criminals in the weavers' business, that he should be freed from any further prosecution in the same manner the rest of his brethren had been. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 57.*]

Oct. 14. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which sufficiently appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII. p. 7.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 49.*]

[Oct. ?] Thomas Williams, citizen and goldsmith of London, to the King. Petition stating that the petitioner has for four years used the trade of a goldsmith banker in Lombard Street, and has been accustomed to advance money on tallies and orders on the revenues, that by reason of the necessary attendance and expense for receiving money out of the Exchequer, he could not value such tallies and orders at their proper sums, but with the allowance of the assignors has had a rebate proportionate to his trouble and expense, and, lest he may be thereby subject to the penalties in the statutes against usury, praying a pardon of all usury and usurious contracts. With certificate at foot by Edward Backwell and Jeremiah Snow that they know the petitioner to be a very fair dealer in the trade of a goldsmith-banker. [*Ibid. No. 50.*]

Oct. 14. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arrived
Harwich. to-day. The master says the wind has been so contrary that he was forced back last week, and came away again last Sunday with two mails, and has been making his way ever since. They bring over no news. Wind for the most part W.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 51.*]

Oct. 14. Capt. Thomas Langley to Williamson. Having several times
Harwich. experienced your kindness emboldens me to beg a further one about my damage lately suffered by the Swedes on their own coast to the value of 688*l.* The bearer can give you the full relation, having the several affidavits of the whole action, so, if you will favour me with your letter to the envoy in Swedland or with what else you shall think requisite, it will ever oblige me. [*Ibid. No. 52.*]

Oct. 14. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. *No. 53.*]

Oct. 14. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.*
Truro. *No. 54.*]

Oct. 14. The King to the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the French
Whitehall. congregation in London. Confirming on their petition their choice of Peter Mussart, a person of ability and good conversation, as one of their ministers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 76.*]

Oct. 14. Warrant for a pardon to Thomas Morris and Thomas Williams,
Whitehall. goldsmiths, of Lombard Street, London, for all usury or usurious contracts, &c., and all penalties and forfeitures already incurred by reason thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 145.*]

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Oct. 14. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Charles,
Whitehall. Earl of Middlesex, and Thomas Felton, praying that a grant may be ordered to be passed under the Great Seal of Ireland to them and the survivor of them of a pension of 800*l. per annum* to commence after the expiration of Sir John Hanmer's pension of 800*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 54.*]
- Oct. 14. Reference to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster of the
Whitehall. petition of William Coryton, praying a lease of the chief rents of the manor of High Easter, Essex, parcel of the Duchy, amounting to 85*l. per annum*, for 50 years at some small rent. [*Ibid.*]
- Oct. 14. Warrant for a grant to William Watts for his life of the place of
Whitehall. Tailor to the King in ordinary for his life, in the room of Claude Sourceau, deceased, for making all kinds of apparel for the servants of the Privy Chamber and footmen, the henchmen, the children of the Chapel Royal, Grooms of the Stables, Trumpets and Drummers, which they have of the King's gift, fee 2*s. per diem*, as likewise of Tailor for making of all kinds of apparel for the Yeomen of the Guard, the coachmen and littermen which they have of the King's gift, fee 1*s. per diem.* [*Precedents 1, f. 115.*]
- Oct. 15. George Dyer to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. Wind N.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 55.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 55 i.*]
- Oct. 15. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Robert
Whitehall. Vyner, Lord Mayor of London, praying a remission to him of the profits and issues of the offices of escheator and gauger for the year of his mayoralty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 56.*]
- Oct. 15. Sir Robert Southwell to Sir John Temple. The Lord Lieutenant
Spring being yesternight at the Irish Committee, I desired him to name
Garden. what additional rent might be proper to add to Capt. Purdon's renewal of his grant, for the Secretary desired me to know of him how the blank should be filled up. The Lord Lieutenant then desired me to consult you for the rule, which as you settle shall be intimated to him. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 191.*]
- Oct. 15. Sir Robert Southwell to W. Bridgeman. Returning him Capt.
Purdon's letter for filling up the blank according to what Sir John Temple proposes. [*Ibid. No. 192.*]
- Oct. 16. Dr. Edmund Boldero to Williamson. In answer to yours of the
Jesus College, 4th the reason that I did not sooner write to you nor the University
Cambridge. presently obey his Majesty's letter in the way required was that they had a gracious liberty to refuse whatever letters should pretend to dispense with exercises or cautions, and they refused the longer lest this might be an ill example hereafter. But, because you particularly interpose, on whom they rely that nothing of this kind be brought into a precedent for the future, I will take the most effectual care I can that both degrees be conferred, and, if anything happen in it otherwise than you expect, you shall speedily have an account and know it does not rest on me. For the Bachelor in Divinity there must be a proxy from himself that another may be admitted for him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 56.*]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. We have no news, no packet-boat having arrived since my last. The wind is still westerly and has all this night blown a very fret and so continues. I presume you have had a fuller account of the tumult this week at Colchester than I have been able to get. I have received nothing but uncertainties and contradictions about it. I hear nothing to the contrary but that it is appeased. *Postscript.*—I received a very acceptable letter last night from Sir R. Southwell. I have nothing but my thanks to present to you also for that. Before sending this one of the packet-boats arrived. She has been ever since Wednesday coming. They bring no news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 57.*]

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Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Last night the *Portsmouth* yacht came into the Downs and sailed for France this morning. Wind N.W. [*Ibid. No. 58.*]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Yesterday the *Prosperous* arrived here, which brings no welcome news from the garrison of Tangier. A copy is enclosed, which the commander of the *Prosperous* says came from the Governor, Lord Inchiquin. [*Ibid. No. 59.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 59 1.*]

Oct. 16.
Swansea.

John Man to Williamson. The *Weekly Letter* and *Gazettes* have not come to my hands this month. All things in these parts are in quiet but very small trade in regard of the late bad weather. I hear of no considerable wrecks, only a small laden collier of Barnstaple was cast away last week near this. [*Ibid. No. 60.*]

Oct. 16.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Recorder of London. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the murderers of Sir Richard Sandford, who stand convicted before him, be, for the exemplarity of the thing and the terror of the rest of their fraternity (which, it seems, is grown very great and presumptuous) executed in Fleet Street over against Whitefriars, where they committed the murder, on two gibbets, and there hung up in chains in some fit place abroad in the highway. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 56.*]

Oct. 16.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Gervas Price of the office of Gentleman of the Bows, for his life, with the yearly fee of 5*l.* 5*s.*, Lodowick Carlile, the late Gentleman, being now dead. [*Precedents 1, f. 114.*]

Oct. 17.
Billing.

Dr. Lively Moody to Williamson. By a letter from Mr. Say I understand that the rector of Collyweston near Stamford is dying, and that the living is in the King's gift. He desired me to solicit you in his behalf. He comports himself well in his present mean capacity and you have several times mentioned him to me. 'Twould be a great act of charity in you to let it go that way. Some have asked why I do not put in for myself, being 'tis consistent with this living, where I have well near ruined myself. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 61.*]

Oct. 17.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 62.*]

Oct. 18.

Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., pp. 358, 359. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 63. 64.*]

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Oct. 18. Dr. Bréval to Williamson. All the formalities of my Doctor's degree, about which there has been so much delay, were performed at the last Act at Cambridge by the care of Dr. Turner, to whom you recommended the business, for which I am bound to pay you my thanks. The expenses being only 6 or 7 pieces, I have not thought fit to ask your assistance for such a trifle. The hope you have given me of the prebend at Westminster makes me spare you in everything else. However, as this is uncertain or at any rate very remote, and other benefices suitable for me may perhaps become vacant previously, I beg you to procure me one, and to remember always that having made me a doctor you are under a kind of obligation to provide for me, so that I should not disgrace that title. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 65.*]
- Oct. 18. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Last Saturday came into the bay 10
Bridlington. light ships, and four of this town are come into this harbour to lay up. Several others are laid up already. Yesterday morning came into this harbour a master and four seamen of Scarborough. Last Friday their vessel foundered to the northward of that town, and miraculously they saved themselves in their boat, having only one oar, which they sculled with. On Saturday morning they spied Flamborough Head 4 or 5 leagues off, and that night got near the shore 10 miles southwards of this, and made for this harbour where they arrived safely, having no provision at all when they left their ship. They were put from their vessel without any oar, but one of their oars followed the boat, which they took up. A handspike and a piece of canvas stood them in good stead sometimes for a sail, the wind shifting from S.W. to N., for otherwise it had been impossible but they had been quite driven off to sea and so all lost. [*Ibid. No. 66.*]
- Oct. 18. Richard Watts to Williamson. About 10 last night the wind
Deal. veered to N. and by E. The great Straits, Virginia, and West India men, who went out last Wednesday and next morning returned, sailed about 2 this morning having a topsail gale, so that now all the merchant ships outward-bound are sailed and the wind like to stand. [*Ibid. No. 67.*]
- Oct. 18. Richard Biles to Williamson. Mr. Osborne of our town coming
Dorchester. not hither to-day desired me to give you an account of what falls out as to the election of our new knight in place of Col. Giles Strangeways. Lord Digby is at present in the field with his party, supposed to be by far the prevailing party. It's said at 2 Mr. Moore will go forth to him and begin to poll. [*Ibid. No. 68.*]
- Oct. 18. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last week came in here about
Pendennis. 40 small vessels, most of them bound for Bordeaux and sailed hence yesterday for France, and the Canary fleet also sailed yesterday. As I am writing, the Straits fleet are under sail with their convoy, the *Sapphire*, the wind being now N.E., so it will make a clear harbour. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]
- Oct. 18. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Shipping news to the same
Falmouth. effect as the last. [*Ibid. No. 70.*]

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[Oct. 18 ?] Bill for the better prevention of illegal exaction of money from the subject. (This must be the bill brought in 18 Oct., 1675 (see *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 359) as there is a clause about persons who do certain things after 29 Sept., 1676.) [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 374, No. 71.]
- Oct. 19. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 359. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 72, 73.*]
- Oct. 19. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 8. [*Three copies. Ibid. Nos. 74-76.*]
- Oct. 19—
Nov. 20. Extracts from the Journals of both Houses concerning appeals depending in the House of Lords from Courts of Equity, &c. Those in the Commons fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX. Those in the Lords fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 77, 78.*]
- [Before
Oct. 19.] Notice to Williamson of a Court of Assistants of the Royal Company to meet at the African House at 3 p.m. on 19 Oct. [*Printed. Ibid. No. 79.*]
- Oct. 19. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news but the continuance of fair weather. Wind westerly. [*Ibid. No. 80.*]
- Oct. 19. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat has arrived since Harwich. my last. I return my thanks for the printed speeches. Wind N.W., fresh. [*Ibid. No. 81.*]
- Oct. 19. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. The Smyrna and Straits fleet convoyed by the *Sapphire* sailed at Falmouth yesterday morning with a fair wind for the southward. [*Ibid. No. 82.*]
- Oct. 19. Warrant for a bill constituting Sir Robert Howard Keeper of the Whitehall. Game in the grounds and woods in and about the manor of Otlands, Surrey, that is to say from Weybridge to Byfleet Bridge, from thence to Cobham Bridge, from thence to Esher Bridge, from thence to Mosley, from thence to Thames side, from thence to Shepperton Ferry, and from thence to Weybridge, for his life with the fee of 12*d.* *per diem.*, and 26*s.* 8*d.* yearly for a livery. [*Precedents 1, f. 116.*]
- Oct. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that Before the Katherine Dowdall and her sons, Edward and Henry, by decree 20th. dated 4 Aug., 1663, of the Commissioners for executing the Act of Whitehall. Settlement, were adjudged innocent Papists and were thereby restored to the manor, town and lands of Brownstowne and the town and lands of Kelloge in the barony of Duleek, Meath, to be held by the said Katherine for her life, and after her decease by the said Edward and the heirs male of his body with remainder to the said Henry in tail male, and that, the said Katherine being since married to Dr. Laurence Taaff, the said Laurence and Katherine have besought a grant of letters patent for the said lands to them and to the said Edward and Henry Dowdall, according to the estates

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so decreed to them; in case he finds that the said Laurence Taaff and his wife by themselves or their tenants are now in possession of the said lands, for a grant to the said Laurence and Katherine Taaff and Edward and Henry Dowdall of the said lands, &c. of Brownstown and Kellogge to hold the same to the said Laurence Taaff and Katherine, his wife, during the life of the said Katherine with remainder to the said Edward Dowdall in tail male with remainder to the said Henry Dowdall in tail male, paying such yearly rents as the lands possessed by Adventurers and Soldiers in the province where they lie are liable to by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. [*The day of the month is left blank, but the warrant was entered 20 Oct. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 365.*]

- Oct. 20. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 9*, and the *Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Appendix, p. 57*. [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, Nos. 83, 84.*]
- Oct. 20. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 360*. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 85, 86.*]
- Oct. 20. Notes of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear as above. [*Ibid. No. 87.*]
- Oct. 20. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Last Monday the poll began
Weymouth. and ended yesterday, Lord Digby carrying it against Mr. Moore. [*Ibid. No. 88.*]
- Oct. 20. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The great appearance and
Lyme. number of voices for Lord Digby so far exceeding Mr. More's, notwithstanding Lord Ashley's interest, as 1,700 and upwards for my Lord, and but 520 for Mr. More on a poll concluded yesterday at Dorchester, my Lord by the sheriff was proclaimed shire knight. This is much to the trouble of the Nonconformist party in this county, who were very confident of their strength for Mr. More. These late northerly winds have carried most of our ships to sea. I thank you for the King's speech and letters which are most acceptable during the session. [*Ibid. No. 89.*]
- Oct. 20. Commission for Charles Churchill to be lieutenant in Capt.
Whitehall. Cutler's company of foot in the Duke of York's regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, f. 140.*]
- Oct. 20. Warrant for Charles Churchill, lieutenant to Capt. James
Whitehall. Graham's company in the Duke of York's regiment, with his servant as a soldier to be passed in the ensuing musters till further order. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 18.*]
- Oct. 20. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Charles, Earl
Whitehall. of Mountrath, by his guardian, Alice, Countess Dowager of Mountrath, praying that an intended grant of his quit-rents to Col. Fitzpatrick may be countermanded, and that they may be granted and released to him and his heirs, amounting to about 200*l.* *per annum*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 57.*]

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- Oct. 20. The King to James, Earl of Suffolk, Deputy Earl Marshal. Declaring the arms, crest, and supporters granted to his natural son, Charles Fitz-Charles, Earl of Plymouth, and requiring him to cause the declaration to be registered in the College of Arms. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 86.*]

Copy thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 90.*]

- Oct. 20. Report by the Lord Lieutenant on the petition of the Earl of Middlesex and Thomas Felton referred to him 14 Oct. (*see ante, p. 351*) that his Majesty by letters patent of 23 Dec. last granted to Sir John Hanmer a pension of 800*l.* a year for 3 years, to be paid out of the Irish revenue, and by letters of 9 March last authorized the Lord Lieutenant to pass letters patent granting to the petitioners and the survivor of them the said pension to commence from the expiration of the said grant to Sir J. Hammer, which letters being defective in form letters patents could not be passed on them. If his Majesty continues inclined to gratify the petitioners, it is necessary that new letters be signed pursuant to the late instructions concerning grants of money or lands in Ireland for passing such a grant as aforesaid. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 193.*]

Another copy thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 57.*]

- Oct. 20. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the
Whitehall. warrant dated 8 Nov., 1672, for the grant of a pension of 100*l.* *per annum* to Capt. John Cassells and Rose, his wife, for their joint lives and the life of the survivor (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1672-73, p. 140), which grant was accordingly passed, in consideration that Capt. John Cassells was slain in the king's service at sea, for a new grant of a pension of 200*l.* *per annum* to the said Rose, his widow, for her life in lieu of the former pension. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 366.*]

- Oct. 21. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 361.* [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, Nos. 91, 92.*]

- Oct. 21. Report by the Lord Treasurer on the reference of the petition of
Wallingford William Denny, rector of East Harling, Norfolk, that he had seen a
House. certificate under the hands of the Chancellor of the diocese, the Archdeacon, and two Doctors of Divinity that the parsonage of East Harling is in a very unhealthy place, and that Mr. Denny for that reason obtained a dispensation for non-residence and lived within a mile and performed his duty as minister, notwithstanding which a troublesome person has sued him on the statute of non-residence and recovered 80*l.*, whereof a moiety belongs to his Majesty, by remission whereof he would do a gracious and charitable act. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]

- [Oct. ?] Lord Berkeley of Stratton to the King. Petition stating that he has served the Royal family for about 50 years in consideration whereof the Mastership of the Court of Wards was conferred on him by the late King, which grant was confirmed by his Majesty, that he received no compensation on the abolition of the Court of Wards, that in the beginning of the Long Parliament he laid

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the design of reducing the Army in the North to their obedience and drew the petition or remonstrance declaring their full obedience to his Majesty, for which he was first forced to fly, and afterwards put into the Tower, and had an office in the Common Pleas he had purchased worth 1,000*l. per annum* taken from him and so detained for 20 years, and he was the only man in the army that lost his arrears amounting to 1,500*l.*, that, whilst he was Governor of Exeter, he lent his Majesty and his father 10,000*l.* and supported her Royal Highness and her numerous family there, and made her escape into France at his own charge, that since the restoration he has paid many debts for clothing the army amounting to at least 800*l.*, that in 1667, when the Dutch fleet came to Chatham and their forces landed in Suffolk, he was employed in that service at his own charge amounting to 1,000*l.*, that his office in the Tower and his troop of horse in Ireland were discharged without the same consideration to him as others had, and that, when the Presidencies of Munster and Connaught were abolished, Lord Orrery had consideration for his, but the petitioner had not, and praying that his pension of 1,200*l. per annum* in Ireland might continue for his wife's life and that it and the arrears thereof might be put on the present Irish establishment. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 874, No. 94.]

Oct. 21. Reference thereof to the Lord Lieutenant. [S.P. Dom., Entry
Whitehall. Book 46, p. 56.]

Oct. 21. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Most of the news from Holland by
Harwich. a packet-boat which arrived yesterday we had again at night by the printed *Gazette*, except the enclosed little or nothing sent me out of Holland dated the 26th N.S. The wind continues N.W. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 874, No. 95.] Enclosed,

We say in order to a peace the mediators have made these propositions :—1. That the French shall restore to Spain Limburg and all its dependencies ; 2, and Maestricht to the States. 3. That there shall be given by France a sovereignty to Lottharing (Lorraine). 4. That France shall pay the Prince Palatine four millions of money for his damages received in the present war. These and many more such impertinent demands are too troublesome to relate. The French army on this and the Spanish borders are in a better condition than some will have it, for, it seems, they are resolved to see both the Spanish and the Prince of Orange's armies in garrison before themselves. From Paris the 18th 'tis said the French King is indisposed by an ague. The Spanish and Dutch forces lie encamped, as they say securely, between Diest, Louen (Louvain) and Thienen, but yet not so hard to be attempted, but that the French, especially Marshal Montmorency, have made divers bridges over the Mehaignel and have sent forward 1,500 horse, intending to secure those passages and then to march up with his gross to attack them. The Prince of Orange was expected at the Hague last Tuesday, and for his reception the 12 companies of the train bands were in their arms from 4 in the morning till almost night, but he is not come yet. [Extract. Ibid. No. 951.]

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Oct. 21. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. The wind being S.W. several
Deal. ships from the westward are come into the Downs. Two Dutch
men-of-war have brought in a French privateer, which they took
off Dungeness by the advice of two Englishmen which the said
privateer had plundered the day before. The *Kitchen* yacht passed
through the Downs from France and is gone up the river.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 96.]
- Oct. 21. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. No news.
Portsmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 97.]
- Oct. 21. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The master of a small vessel from
Truro. Morlaix reports that the Governor of Brittany was about a fortnight
since with his army in and about Morlaix, about 30,000, besides
10,000 of the country that came in to his assistance, and being in the
town the new comers, on the firing of a pistol thought they had
been betrayed, and some began to draw for their defence, and at
last fell to such fury, doubting they had been betrayed by each
other, that many were destroyed, before they could understand each
other. They apprehended about 15 of the old mutineers with
whom they dealt very severely, breaking their arms and thighs
with a sledge and after gave them another blow over the breast
and then hanged them and afterwards carried them to the cross-
ways and there hung them up in chains. Wind N.W. [*Ibid.*
No. 98.]
- Oct. 21. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the
Truro. last. [*Ibid.* No. 99.]
- Oct. 21. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 19th came in here the
Falmouth. *Charity* of Newhaven from the Bank homeward-bound. They
report they have made generally a good fishing year. The same
day came in the *Dolphin* of Havre of 26 guns in 8 weeks from
Hispaniola loaden with tobacco. She has been out of France about
nine months and has been cruising all along the coast of Guinea.
Last night came in here 8 English merchantmen for Virginia,
Barbados and Lisbon. [*Ibid.* No. 100.]
- [Oct. 21 ?] List of ships arrived on 20 and 21 Oct. [*Ibid.* No. 101.]
Plymouth.
- Oct. 21. Warrant for a grant to John, Bishop of Rochester, to be High
Whitchall. Almoner of all goods, chattels and debts of any persons becoming
felo de se, and of all deodands in England, Wales, and the Marches,
with power to seize and recover the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry*
Book 27, f. 77.]
- Oct. 21. Secretary Coventry to the Warden of All Souls, Oxford. The King
Whitchall. is informed that an objection is likely to be made against the election
of Robert Lenden to a fellowship in that college, because he was
born beyond the seas. His Majesty wishes that to be no obstruction,
considering that the reason of his being so born was the loyalty of
his parents, who were forced to fly from England in the late times,
and the writer also himself recommends him, having witnessed the
good services of his father, who died in the King's cause. [*Ibid.*
f. 189.]

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Oct. 21. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Sir William
Whitehall. Petty and Robert Marshall desiring that several particulars relating
to their lands in Kerry may either be settled here, or that the
Lord Lieutenant be ordered to settle them in Ireland, to examine
the allegations when he shall come into Ireland. [*S.P. Dom.*,
Entry Book 46, p. 56.]
- Draft of the above reference. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 335,
No. 194.]
- Oct. 21. Order for making free the *Staple Dale*, a ship taken in the late
Dutch war and adjudged prize in the Admiralty Court in Scotland
in 1667. [*Precedents* 1, f. 117.]
- Oct. 22. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 361. [*Two*
copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, Nos. 102, 103.]
- Oct. 22. Richard Potts to Williamson. The drougthy weather has changed
Stockton. to rain. The wind continues westerly. [*Ibid.* No. 104.]
- Oct. 22. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday I received two packets
Deal. for the Earl of Inchiquin, Governor of Tangier, and for Mr. Bland
at Tangier. There has been no ship in the Downs thither bound
this week. I shall deliver them to the first thither bound. It
blows hard to-day at S.S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]
- Oct. 23. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 362.
[*Ibid.* No. 106.]
- [Oct. 23?] Expedients proposed for lessening the price of coals and easing
the coal trade, by allowing ships to take in beer and other
provisions in and about Shields and not to be forced to send up to
Newcastle for them, and when in distress to use any pilot or
carpenter, though no freeman of Newcastle, and not be obliged to send
for them to Newcastle, by building a free ballast shore at Jarrow-slike
near Shields, so that vessels be at liberty to lay ballast there and not
forced to carry it up a dangerous river to Newcastle, by reason of
which greater dispatch would be made, more voyages made in the
year, and thus coals, glass, salt and millstones rendered cheaper.
(See *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 362.) [*Printed. Ibid.* No. 107.]
- Oct. 23. Henry Oke to the King. Suggesting an advance of the duty on
Oxford. tobacco to 4*d. per lb.*, to be collected at the Custom-house like the
present duty, and beseeching a command to attend on some of his
Majesty's servants in that behalf. [*Ibid.* No. 108.]
- Oct. 23. Silas Taylor to Williamson. At midnight last Thursday one of
Harwich. our packet-boats arrived, having first landed the mail and some
passengers at Lowestoft. Wind westerly. [*Ibid.* No. 109.]
- Oct. 23. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day the Dutch man-of-war
Deal. turned ashore 60 Frenchmen belonging to the French privateer he
lately took. About 20 Englishmen belonging to the said privateer
are not yet released.

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This afternoon came in the *St. Anne* of London from Bilboa. In the Bay of Biscay a ship of good force came up with them, and commanded the master to come on board, who was so weak as to do so in his longboat with four of his men. They waited for the master three or four hours, and at last called to the ship for the master, and none of the ship's company would give answer, on which the mate was doubtful that he was some man-of-war of Tripoli or Sallee, and so made all the sail he could to get clear of him, and the master and men and boat are left. She belongs to Mr. John Paige, merchant in London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 110.*]

Oct. 23. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. A vessel of our town come from York Town in Virginia in 6 weeks brings news of no good crop like to be, and of the dearness of provisions there. The *Maryland Merchant* for Virginia is now come into our road. [*Ibid. No. 111.*]
Weymouth.

Oct. 23. Warrant to Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, to grant a dispensation to Michael Stanhope to accept the rectory of Bocton Malherbe, co. Kent, with that of Langton, co. York, which he now holds. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 77.*]
Whitehall.

Oct. 23. Sir J. Williamson to the Mayor of Dover. Transmitting a copy of a memorial presented that day to his Majesty by M. de Ruvigny, with directions that he forthwith give his Majesty an account of the thing complained of therein, in order to give the injured party all just satisfaction and reparation. *Noted*, as sent under cover to Mr. Welsh and commended to his care. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 57.*]
Whitehall.

Oct. 23. *Caveat*, at the desire of Sir Edward Masters, that no *mandamus* pass for a fellowship in Queen's College, Cambridge, till notice given to Mr. Secretary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 16.*]

Oct. 23. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the Lord Lieutenant's report on the petition of the Earl of Middlesex and Thomas Felton, calendared *ante*, p. 356. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 58.*]
Whitehall.

Oct. 24. Warrant for a charter to Pedro, *alias* Peter, Fraser, eldest son of Sir Alexander Fraser of Durris, the king's first physician in ordinary, and the heirs male of his body, with remainders over, of the lands of Durris and Midbelty and the lands and baronies of Strachan and Culpersache on the resignation of the said Sir Alexander, with an erection of part thereof into a free forest to be called the Forest of Strachan, and with a grant of two yearly fairs and an erection of the whole into the barony of Durris and with a ratification of all charters and infeftments by the Archbishop of St. Andrews and the parson of Kincardine or any other superiors. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 356.*]
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Oct. 24. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. Capt. Roach, commander of Hurst Castle, with Holmes, a gunner there, both Irishmen, fell on Lieut. Richard Newman, lieutenant to Col. Halsey (Halsall), and most barbarously murdered him, stabbing him in
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1675. several parts of the body. Roach is fled, the gunner is taken. This Newman was son of Col. Newman about Rochester. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 112.]
- Oct. 24. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master General of the
Whitehall. Ordnance, to cause the bulwark at the east end of the terrace walk at Windsor to be pulled down and the materials laid up for the King's service, and to cause all the bricks now unused at Windsor and belonging to the Ordnance Office to be employed in the like service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, p. 139.]
- Oct. 25. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 9, except that the cases mentioned as precedents are called Slingsby's and Cusake's instead of Slingsby's and Hale's as in the Journals. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 113.]
- Oct. 25. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 363. [*Ibid.* No. 114.]
- Oct. 25. Another copy giving the proceedings in both Houses. [*Ibid.* No. 115.]
- Oct. 25. Monsr. Van Beuningen to Williamson. Requesting him to let
Westminster. him know if his Majesty has appointed a day and hour to speak to the ministers of the Confederates on the subject of the preliminaries of the peace. [*French. Ibid.* No. 116.]
- Oct. 25. Michael Warton to Williamson. Soliciting his favour on behalf of a kinsman of his, Mr. Pelham, that, if he be named in the list of sheriffs for Lincolnshire, he may escape the trouble of being fixed on, and, as they have it there that the Parliament will not long continue, requesting to know his apprehension of it, by which he may steer the better his resolves of a journey. [*Ibid.* No. 117.]
- Oct. 25. Sir Thomas Aleyn to Williamson. I was this morning to have
Whitehall. waited on you, but was particularly engaged at the Sessions house, to give you an account of my fruitless application to Lord Essex concerning my leather patent in Ireland. His answer is that it is disposed of and he cannot help me, but I trust his Majesty may persuade, if not command. To that end I have lodged my petition with your servant and pray it may not be delayed, because I hear my lord is preparing for Ireland. [*Ibid.* No. 118.]
- Oct. 25. Francis Bellott to Williamson. The wind all last week being W.
Pendennis. brought but few ships into this harbour. Here is a French man-of-war of 24 guns from Guinea and several plantations of the West Indies bound for Havre, supposed to be very rich. She lost a great many men on her voyage. Other shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]
- Oct. 25. "A relation of what hath been hitherto discovered in the matter of the North East Passage," extracted out of the *Philosophical Transactions*, No. 118, published 25 Oct. [7½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 120.]

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Oct. 26. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 363. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 121.]
- Oct. 26. Anthony Isaacson to Williamson. Yesterday Mr. Christopher
Durham. Vane was chosen without any competitor knight of the shire for this county. We have had a very great drought in these parts, the like hardly known at midsummer, and great winds of late, at present at N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 122.]
- Oct. 26. Richard Potts to Williamson. Yesterday Squire Vane was chosen
Stockton. a knight of this shire, who, it's said, takes post from Darlington to-day to go up to sit in the House. [*Ibid.* No. 123.]
- Oct. 26. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last Saturday night a storm arose
Harwich. about W. and N.W., making so great a tide with very much lightning last night that the sea came up a great way into our streets, and it continues violent still. It has done much damage to our wharves. All our three packet-boats are at present absent, nor have we any expectation of any returning as long as this storm continues. [*Ibid.* No. 124.]
- Oct. 26. Richard Watts to Williamson. These two days the wind has
Deal. blown very high, but last night it blew a whole storm of wind mixed with rain and hail. It being two days past the full and the tides at the highest and the wind at N.W. and N.W. and by N. made the sea come into our Beach Street or street next the sea, and much endangered all the houses next the sea, and broke several quays, which are made with great timbers and boards to defend us from the sea, but did us no considerable damage, the boats being all haled from the sea into the streets. The Virginia ships and others that sailed last Thursday outward-bound came in last Sunday. Notwithstanding the great rage and storm not any ship broke loose nor foul of another in the Downs. 'Tis said by old men they never knew such a rage nor the town in such danger before. No ship for Tangier is yet come in. Pray let me know if I shall send it by any ship bound to any near port or to Whitehall or keep it here till a ship comes thither bound. It blows a storm at N.W. and by N. [*Ibid.* No. 125.]
- Oct. 26. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Giving an account of the storm.
Deal. [*Ibid.* No. 126.]
- Oct. 26. James Welsh to Williamson. On receipt of yours of the 24th
Rye. I went with it immediately to our Mayor, who encloses an answer to the French memorial or complaint, which is a very candid relation of that transaction, whatever the French have put in to the contrary, for I was not only present at taking the depositions, but was a spectator when the scuffle between the French and the Dutch happened, which was so far out of reach of our guns, that, though our town fired several guns at them to keep the peace, it would not restrain them, and, whereas they pretend they were pillaged by our townsmen, it is most notoriously false, for they never made any such complaint to our Mayor other than that they

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had lost some clothes and such like trivial things, but not accusing any of our townsmen. We were apt to believe that, if they lost any such, it was taken from them by the Dutch that boarded them as a just reward for their robbing one of their boats just before, for the French were the aggressors; nevertheless, had they come in within our protection, as our Mayor ordered them, they had been secure from this mischief which they brought upon themselves. When the Dutch left them, they set the French vessel on fire, which had certainly been burnt, had not the officers sent from our Mayor been more forward to put it out than the French. I hope this complaint will not procure them their vessel again but on condition of their defraying all charges, since they were the first that broke the peace in our harbour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 127.*]
Enclosed,

Oct. 26.
 Rye.

Certificate of the Mayor and Jurats of Rye that 22 Sept. last Aaron Peadle, the younger, Richard and Henry Lilbourne, Nicholas Earle, the younger, and Edward Gee deposed before them as follows. First Peadle deposed that being at the Gun Garden at Rye about 3 p.m. on the 5th he saw a French shallop board a Dutch longboat within the harbour's mouth, and about two hours after he met some Dutchmen in the town, who told him they were on board the said longboat when the shallop had her on board, and that the Frenchmen plundered them of their money and clothes, and presently after the deponent was ordered by the Mayor and jurats to provide a boat to command the said shallop to come in and not break the peace, and thereon the deponent provided Richard Lilbourne's shallop and the said Lilbournes and Earle went with the deponent in her, and, when they declared their message, as they were commanded, one of the Frenchmen presented a musket at them, and told them, if they came any nearer, he would fire; however the French shallop came something nearer to the town and anchored. When she was at anchor, and before the deponent's shallop had parted from her, two Dutch longboats came up and boarded her, and fired many small shot into her, but the deponent did not see the French fire at the Dutch boats. Three Frenchmen and a French boy came on board the deponent's shallop for shelter. (Depositions of the next three deponents, similar to the latter part of the above.) Deposition by Gee that he saw from the cliff as above described, and that, when the Dutch longboats boarded the shallop, he saw the flash of a small gun, which he thinks was fired from the shallop. [Seal affixed. Ibid. No. 1271.]

Oct. 26.
 Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. Capt. Roach, that murdered Lieut. Newman, fled to a house at Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight, left his horse there and borrowed a black cloak or coat for disguise, took a boat with four oars and went over presently to Hurst Castle, which he commanded, but he's fled. The two accomplices are in hold, Holmes, the gunner, and a servant to Sir R. Holmes. No shipping stirring either in or out. We had a great storm here last night. [*Ibid. No. 128.*]

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Oct. 26. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 129.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 129 i.]
- Oct. 26. Presentation of Edmund Jones to the rectory of Worthyn,
Whitehall. Salop. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 18.*]
- Oct. 26. The King to the Lord Provost, Baylies and Council of Edinburgh.
Whitehall. Expressing his satisfaction at the ample expression of their duty and loyalty in their letter which acknowledged his clemency in taking off the restraint on the election of their magistrates, and gave an account of the last elections having been duly carried on according to the rules of their set, and declaring that he would countenance and protect them in the faithful discharge of their offices, and would maintain and preserve the rights and privileges of the city. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 358.*]
- Oct. 26. Commission, after reciting that the Duke of Ormonde had
Whitehall. informed the King that, on a late address to him from the trustees for managing the security of the '49 officers, desiring him to revive the commission by which they formerly acted, and which was granted them by George, late Duke of Albemarle, and himself, he, considering the long intermission of the said trustees from acting in the execution of the said commission, communicated the matter to the Committee for Irish Affairs, when they sat by order to consider the whole state of the said security, and they referred the inquiry touching the validity of the said former commission to the Attorney General, and, though by his report there appears not any defect therein, yet the Duke, for avoiding all scruple, is desirous that the King should make an immediate delegation from himself and by his authority corroborate the proceedings of the said trustees in the future prosecution of their trust, and further reciting the passage in the King's declaration of 30 Nov., 1660, touching the securities for the arrears of the '49 officers, and that the said securities were by the said declaration entrusted to such persons for the uses therein mentioned as the late Duke of Albemarle and the Duke of Ormonde should appoint, and, that, although the greatest part of the said security has been already distributed and set out to the said officers by the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, yet, it being suggested that a very considerable part thereof was concealed and withheld which since is and may be discovered: Appointing the Earls of Cork and Burlington, Drogheda, and Anglesey, Lord Coloony, the Archbishops of Dublin and Tuam, the Bishop of Cork, Sir Arthur Forbes, Sir William Stewart, Sir Charles and Sir Hans Hamilton, Sir John Cole, Sir Theophilus Jones, Sir Oliver St. George, Sir Richard Gething, Sir George Rawdon, Sir William Flower, Sir Robert Ward, Sir George Lane, Col. Vere Essex Cromwell, Col. Francis Willoughby, Col. Randolph Clayton, Col. John Mayart, Col. Hayward St. Leger, Lieut.-Col. Francis Little, Lieut.-Col. Alexander Pigott, Serjeant-Major Arthur Dillon, Capt. John St. Leger and Laurence Parsons to be the persons entrusted according to the intents and purposes of the said declaration, and also appointing Richard Barry

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to be their registrar or chief clerk, which said trustees are to do everything entrusted to their care by the said declaration, and to set and let to the best advantage but to the ends expressed in the declaration the said securities, and to defend the said interest and sue and prosecute on behalf thereof, and to give such rewards to all as shall discover any part of the said securities as has been concealed as are warranted by the rules and resolutions of the Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland on a doubt by the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, which resolution has now the force of an Act of Parliament, with a proviso that this commission shall not be construed to revoke the said former commission granted by the Dukes of Albemarle and Ormonde or any of the powers or authorities therein contained. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 372.*]

- Oct. 27. Accounts of the proceedings in both Houses of Parliament that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 11, and Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 363*, except the following:—The House of Lords in a grand committee resumed the debate concerning privilege in judicature when members of the Commons' House are concerned, and several precedents were cited and read, after which, the Lord Privy Seal offering to show them some precedents he had to prove their right in judicature, the House ordered it should be referred till he brought them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 130.*]

Separate accounts of the proceedings in both Houses. [*Ibid. Nos. 131, 132.*]

- Oct. 27. Certificate by Sir W. Peake that Simon Heere, of London, mariner, took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy before him that day. [*Ibid. No. 133.*]

- Oct. 27. Edward Bodham to Williamson. In these parts we are in a very quiet, good, well-settled condition. These three days past have been very sad stormy weather, wind N.W., yet we hear not of any damage by sea or land, only one ship put ashore five miles from this, which, it is hoped, will come off without any great loss. [*Ibid. No. 134.*]

- [Oct. 27.] Newsletter to Sir Francis Radcliffe, containing notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons on 26 and 27 Oct., which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., pp. 363-366*, except the test proposed for purging the members of the House, which was as follows:—I protest “that directly or indirectly neither I nor any for my use to my knowledge have since 1 Jan., 1672[-3], had or received any sum or sums of money by ways of imprest, gifts, loan or otherwise from the King's Majesty or any of his officers or sworn servants or any other persons by his Majesty's order, direction, leave, or knowledge, or by authority derived from his Majesty, or any pardon, discharge or respite of any money due to his Majesty on account or any grant, pension, gratuity or reward, or any promise of such, or any office or employment or any promise of the reversion of any office, place, or command of or from his Majesty, or out of any money, treasure, or

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estate or belonging to his Majesty or of, by, or from any foreign ambassador, agent, or minister, or of or from any other person in the name or by the appointment or with the knowledge of his Majesty or any of them otherwise than what I have now in writing faithfully discovered and delivered to this House, which I have subscribed with my name, neither do I know of any such gift, grant or promise so given or made since the said time to any other member of this House but what I have also inserted in the said writing, nor have I ever given my vote in Parliament for any reward or promise whatsoever." [*Two copies of part of the proceedings of the 27th. Admiralty, Greenwich Hospital 1, Nos. 5 and 6.*]

Oct. 28.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats came out of the Brill last Saturday before the storm and came in this morning without anchors or cables. They lost most of their sails and are all almost dead and benumbed, seamen and passengers. The storm has been very dreadful. Wind N. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 135.*]

Oct. 28.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.E. No news. [*Ibid. No. 136.*]

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Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.N.S. [*Ibid. No. 137.*]

Oct. 28.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir G. Downing. Sir W. Temple, having received yours and your colleagues' last report on the point of trade from enemy's port to enemy's port, has made fresh instances to the States and brought them to agree to a declaration in the form enclosed. His Majesty commands it to be put into the same hands the last draft was to consider of it, and report their opinion how far it may be received without inconveniency. The first, the declaratory part, is word for word what we ourselves desire, the only question is upon the last clause, which exempts from the rule all cases before the late peace. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 58.*] *Annexed,*

Declaration that vessels of either party to the treaty might trade from a port hostile to the other party to a port also hostile to the last-named party, and that, whether both ports belonged to the same prince or state or to different princes or states, with both of whom the last-named party was at war; with a proviso that the declaration should not apply to anything that had happened before the peace concluded in Feb., 1672. [*French. Ibid.*]

Oct. 29.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Towards night yesterday the Virginia ships outward-bound weighed and sailed with a fresh wind between N.E. and E. It blows very fresh at E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 138.*]

Oct. 29.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Yesterday a French privateer then going to sea met a Danish ship laden with deals consigned to a merchant here, and in this harbour took her and carried her away. [*Ibid. No. 139.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 139 i.*]

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Friday,
Oct. 29.
Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to the Earl of Rochester. To-morrow being the day appointed by the Lord Keeper for hearing the matter in difference between Lady Lindsey (*sic*) and yourself concerning Woodstock, and the appointment having been made, as she says, with your knowledge, the King commands me to signify to you that you take order that some person, whomever you shall choose, be there to hear it jointly with the Lord Keeper, according to the reference formerly made. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 48*, p. 59.]
- Oct. 29.
Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to Lord Lovelace. Similar directions to appoint some person to hear, conjointly with the Lord Keeper and the person appointed by the Earl of Rochester, the matter in difference about the patent now passing for Woodstock. [*Ibid.* p. 60.]
- Oct. 29.
Whitehall. Commission to Thomas Cutler to be captain of the company whereof Captain James Graham was captain, in the Duke of York's regiment commanded by Sir C. Lyttelton. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 44*, p. 18.]
- Oct. 29. Report by the Lord Lieutenant on the reference to him of the Earl of Mountrath's petition, calendared *ante*, p. 355, that it may seem reasonable that the grant to Col. Fitzpatrick of the quit-rents out of the petitioner's estate may be stayed, at least till the petitioner be heard, and that, in case the quit-rents be released to the petitioner as prayed, it ought to be part of the 1,000*l.* *per annum*, which the King has reserved power to himself to discharge as of grace by his contract with the new farmers. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 46*, p. 59.]
Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland*, *Car. II.* 335, No. 194.]
- Oct. 29.
Whitehall. Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain for swearing Robert Rustat, now Page of the Robes, at the request of his uncle Tobias Rustat, Yeoman of the Robes, to the place of supernumerary Groom of the Robes without any of the wages or profits of the said place, till a vacancy occurs among the present grooms, when he is to succeed without any further warrant, and in the meantime he is to execute the place and enjoy the privileges of Page of the Robes, as he does at present. [*Precedents 1*, p. 118.]
- Oct. 30.
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Post-Office. Col. Roger Whitley to [Williamson]. The Holland post has brought no letters from the Hague, Harlaem, Delft and Leyden, by reason of a great inundation last Monday and Tuesday occasioned by great storms of wind and rain, breaking of some dykes, &c. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 374, No. 140.]
- Oct. 30.
Bridlington. T. Aslaby to Williamson. We have had very violent weather. Of four or five ships at anchor two were driven from their anchors, the *Merlin* yacht being one, with Lord Lockhart's body. She is now in this bay about weighing two of her anchors she left. [*Ibid.* No. 141.]
- Oct. 30.
Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday evening arrived one of our packet-boats which left the Brill Thursday afternoon. They stayed till three before they could have the mail. When they came away, the Harlaem and Hague letters were not come, so they came without them. The freshes within land, as well as the rage of the

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sea without, have overthrown their banks, ways, heads, sluices, &c., having done them much damage. At Amsterdam their streets were overflowed, and their cellars filled with water. They bring no news but concerning this inundation. Yesterday the wind most easterly, to-day more northerly. [*Ibid.* No. 142.]

Oct. 30. The King to Sir John Duncombe, Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Whitehall. Directing that no interest be charged on Simon Smith for the 2,000*l.* lent him towards the empaleing of the Great Park at Windsor. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 42, p. 17.]

Oct. 30. Commission to James Graham to be captain of the company
Whitehall. whereof Major Winter was captain in Lord Craven's regiment of Guards called the Coldstreamers. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 44, p. 17.]

Oct. 30. Commission to Alexander Nowell to be ensign to Capt. Thomas
Whitehall. Cutler in the Duke of York's regiment. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 18.]

Oct. 30. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the Lord Lieutenant's report
Whitehall. on the Earl of Mountrath's petition, calendared *ante*, p. 367. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 59.]

Oct. 30. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of
Whitehall. John Wroth of Houghton Hall, Essex, paying a reconveyance to him of the advowson of Whitechurch, granted by Edward VI. to Sir Thomas Wroth, Queen Elizabeth and King James having since presented to it, but by lapse only. [*Ibid.* p. 60.]

Oct. 30. The King to the Master and Fellows of Christ's College.
Whitehall. Granting a dispensation for non-residence for two years to Thomas Burnett, M.A., Fellow of the College, who is going beyond the seas as Governor to the Earl of Wiltshire, to whom leave has been given to travel for that time. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 47, p. 13.]

Oct. 30. Pass for Charles, Earl of Wiltshire, eldest son of the Marquis of
Whitehall. Winchester, to travel abroad for two years. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 87.]

Oct. 30. Grant to Edmund Warcup to hold two fairs at Newbridge in the
Whitehall. manor of Northmoor, Oxfordshire, on 20 March and 20 August, yearly for ever. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 88.]

Oct. 31. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday arrived a ship from
Deal. Tangier. They report that a party went out of that city to fetch in some cattle, and that 205 of them were killed and the rest made an honourable retreat and killed a very great many of the enemy, and that one of our chief men is taken alive. Not a topsail gale at N.E. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 374, No. 143.]

Oct. 31. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 144.]

Oct. 31. Passport for the Sieur Durand, servant of the Duke of Hanover,
to go to Hanover. [*French. Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 87.]

Oct. 31. Passport for a person with 8 geldings for the Duchess of Orleans.
[*French. Ibid.*]

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John Lamplugh to Williamson. The great complaints of the poorer inhabitants in this county as well as in most of the counties in the North concerning the burden of hearth-money makes me presume to trouble you with this. Never was any assess or charge more unequal than this, for a poor estate of 40*s. per annum* is charged as much as one of 40*l.* or 100*l.*, and great revenues pay no proportion. The greatest burden lies on the poorer sort, and now, strangers collecting, they are not so much favoured as formerly, and they would charge smiths' hearths and private ovens, which put us to a very great trouble, the complaints being more numerous than ever before. The Parliament now sitting, if you could prevail that what was intended to answer his Majesty's revenue be given him some other way, or be laid by way of assess, as the Royal Aids and assistance moneys were, it would be paid with far more cheerfulness and less trouble, for so all estates would bear their proportionable part. You'll thereby have thousands of prayers from the people and give his Majesty occasion to thank you for such advance of his revenue, for, as it is now, it makes not, as is said, above 250,000*l. per annum*, and is subject to decrease, for many yearly take away some of their hearths, and I heard it was computed to amount to 400,000*l.* If ascertained 350,000*l.*, 100,000*l.* with so little trouble would be a considerable advance. I have intimated something of this to Sir John Lowther, one of the knights of our shire, who well knows the poor condition of our county, and who, I suppose, will address you herein. *Endorsed*, "Oct." Postmark, 5 Nov. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 145.*]

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The creditors of the Goldsmiths concerned in the Exchequer to the House of Commons. Petition for some effectual way for their relief by enabling them to find some course to receive their debts, they having placed, some the whole and some the greatest part of their estates in the Goldsmiths' hands, and having since the stop in the Exchequer not only failed to receive their interest, but also their principal, some of them being poor widows and orphans, some having made savings to maintain them in their old age, some having put their estates in the Goldsmiths' hands till their children came to age to apprentice them or bestow them in marriage, some having by loss of their estates having become debtors themselves and being cast into loathsome gaols, some having become distracted by misery and others having broken their hearts and died. *Endorsed*, "Oct. 1675," the last figure not being quite clear. [*Printed paper. Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 146, 147.*]

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Reasons proposed to Parliament for reviving the Act for transportation of leather. By the late Act the breeding and feeding of cattle was encouraged, and the rents and value of lands improved; so that raw hides yielded a *noble* more on the average than they had done, and calf skins 6*s.* a dozen and bark in some places more than double the price and generally a third part.

The plenty of leather is greater and the cost of tanned leather is less here than it ever was, a third part more beasts being slaughtered by the non-observance of Lent and fish days, and a third part less leather spent by the disuse of walking boots, and half the shoes

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now worn being made of alum leather and foreign leather and cloth and other materials. Besides riding furniture for horse and man, by reason of the great use of stage coaches, makes nothing the consumption of leather it did formerly, and yet by the draining of the fens many thousand more cattle are bred and fed than heretofore. Made wares during the seven years of transportation allowed were as cheap as they were before or since, and workmen were as well employed, at least the odds of price and in workmen cannot balance the advantages otherwise accruing.

The ill consequences of the strict prohibition of transporting leather by a former Act were presently felt by a glut of it at home, and the sinking of the value of raw hides, bark and calf skins, and consequently by the fall of rents and customs, and thereby the late Act for transportation was made, which prevented the burying of many thousand skins that would not otherwise have answered the charge of dressing them.

The vend of manufactured leather abroad cannot take off any considerable part, nor so much as formerly, for the plantations that took off most of it now have artificers of their own, and may be supplied with leather from Ireland and elsewhere. Since the prorogation leather is advanced in Ireland a fifth penny. Besides, leather is generally transported where wares are prohibited.

At the last Sessions the Committee to whom the bill for continuing the Act was referred was satisfied that nothing material could be objected to it, and the bill passed the House and was sent up to the House of Peers and had passed into an Act had not the sudden prorogation (9 June, 1675) intervened. (On the back is a note by Williamson about no *mandamus* to Queen's College for Mr. Masters, about which a *careat* was entered 23 Oct.) [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 148.*]

[Oct. ?] The ordinary Shoemakers and old workers in and about London to the House of Commons. Petition, praying that nothing pass to their prejudice till their objections be heard, as some principal shoemakers, with a design to ingross the buying of leather into their hands, having combined with tanners in London and Southwark, who design to ingross the trade to the prejudice of the country tanners, endeavour to suppress the retailing of leather by any but tanners, or anywhere but in a fair or market, whereby the meaner shoemakers will lose many conveniences they now enjoy by the retailer, and the poorest will be driven to become journeymen for smaller wages. [*Printed paper. Ibid. No. 149.*]

[Oct. ?] Reasons offered by the Cordwainers' Company to prevent the renewing of the Act for transportation of leather unmanufactured, with answers to the pretended reasons for it.

It is untrue that all leather cannot be manufactured here, for all English grown and imported leather was here converted into wares for some hundreds of years before the said Act.

Leather was at as high a price for 20 years before the Act as it has been these last seven, and raw hides were dearer by 4*d.* or 6*d.* a stone before the Act than since, and bark has likewise been cheaper since. The reason is, because the transporter of leather buys in another way than the manufacturers did before the Act, for they

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bought by the score or dicker in the open fair or market, where the leather was viewed and sealed, and, if not tanned sufficiently, forfeited, and, if well tanned, yielded a price accordingly. Now the transporter employs factors in most counties, buys leather out of the tanners' yards, agreeing for so many hides at so much a pound, and the tanner gives them not half the time he ought by the statute, because the less tanned the heavier they weigh, bringing them not to fair or market to be viewed and sealed, and consequently spends not half the bark spent before the Act.

It is untrue that many tanners will not have employment, if exportation is prohibited, the consumption of leather being greater here than when it is allowed to be transported, and, if transported, it must ruin many thousand families that convert it into wares, there being a hundred to one more manufacturers than tanners and transporters.

As to the objection that less leather is consumed than formerly because cloth shoes have of late been worn, and alum leather, and that there is not so much neat's leather cut as formerly, cloth shoes are lined with leather generally of our own growth and alum leather is of our own growth, and more leather of our own growth is now and of late years manufactured than was known within living memory, because Spanish and Russia leather is altogether out of fashion.

As to the objection that shoes are prohibited and the rest of our leather manufactures in France, Flanders, and Germany, and that manufacturers are gone to the Plantations, 'tis true since the Act three parts of our trade of transporting shoes is lost, and, if the Act be renewed, the whole trade of transported leather in wares, will, it is believed, be lost in two or three years, for it is most certain, if they can get our leather, they will prohibit our leather wares in all places beyond the seas.

(Arguments against the objection that, if leather be not transported, there will be a great loss to the King in the custom thereof.)

Prayer that the bill may therefore be dismissed and the Act not renewed. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 150.*]

Reasons against the exportation of unmanufactured leather offered to the King. (This consists of the first and the last two arguments in the preceding paper, somewhat altered in the wording.) [*Ibid. No. 151.*]

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A Paper offered to the Parliament in answer to certain reasons against reviving the Act for exportation of leather, lately presented to them.

First, it is untrue that all the leather has always been manufactured in England, for, till the more strict prohibition in 14 Car. II., abundance of unmanufactured leather was exported to Scotland and the isles belonging to England, besides much exported by stealth to foreign parts, and, though none has been lost by want of manufacturing, it has and will be an unspeakable loss to have all the leather kept at an excessive low value, as was found before the exportation thereof, and since the Act expired. Leather is not of the same import as wool, for many thousands will be employed in making leather, and the bark of the kingdom expended before it is exported, and being made leather, since it cannot be vended in

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ware, there is the same reason to export it in leather as to export cloth that cannot be vended in garments. The laws about trade have always been altered as necessary, nor do the shoemakers make ware according to law; if they did, a third more tanned leather would be used.

Secondly, before the sickness, the fire, or the Dutch war, by reason of the strict prohibition, leather was fallen exceedingly low in value, and afterwards, instead of growing dearer, it fell lower and lower, and therefore an Act was made to export it, which was not made during the Dutch war, as falsely asserted.

Thirdly, after the Act leather and raw hides advanced a *noble* a hide or more, and calf-skins a third, and bark near a half, but, since the Act expired, hides and bark are fallen near as much as they rose before, and will no doubt fall much lower, if leather be not exported.

Fourthly, before leather was exported by an Act, not so much shoes or other ware was exported by near a half as in former times, before the plantations had tanners and artificers of their own, and those that have not leather enough of their own, but have artificers, will not have ware but leather, and had it from Ireland during the strict prohibition, and have it now from thence, whereby leather there was and is much dearer than ours, nor has exportation of leather so much hindered vending ware as is pretended, for most of our leather was sent to places where wares never went and were prohibited to come, nor during the time of the exportation was there such want of employment here, for there was no want of leather, and the wages for making leather ware were as great or greater than ever, and it is not likely any would leave their country for want of employment, when they could have such wages at home.

Fifthly, it is asserted that 100*l.* exported in leather is 200*l.* loss to the kingdom, but this is only asserted and not proved, unless by the kingdom is understood the rich shoemakers and curriers of London, who would get after that rate, had they all the leather of the kingdom at their own price as they endeavour, and it is notoriously untrue that 100*l.* in leather makes 300*l.* in ware when manufactured, for the material of boots and shoes is twice the value given for making them, and, were the gain so great, there would be no advantage to the kingdom, but only to the shoemakers.

Sixthly, the last Act for exportation gives not liberty to buy leather for exportation but in open fairs and markets, so none can have our leather but from our markets, nor can the manufacture and consumption of leather be carried hence, except of so much as cannot be vended here, and certainly it is a benefit to export what cannot otherwise be vended; and, whereas it is said more leather and raw hides were heretofore imported than leather exported, and all was manufactured here, the very persons, who now assert this, asserted in the 14th year of the King that abundance of leather was then exported, and so procured the Act for the prohibition thereof, and, whereas it is alleged that Ireland always exported its leather and hides, and can do no more to hinder the export of our ware than formerly, Ireland of late has abundantly increased and

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improved their leather, and exports it more than ever, and the hides and leather that came from thence hither were not during the prohibition of ours, but during its exportation, and, since the Act expired, neither their leather nor hides come hither, for they are dearer there.

Seventhly, it is untrue that few but merchants and ingrossers will gain by the exportation, for the most gain must be to the kingdom, by exporting a commodity of our own growth at a competent price, that otherwise must fall to little or nothing for want of vent.

Very few tanners had any hand in printing reasons against retailing of leather, and those were drawn to it by the rich London shoemakers, whose design was to prevent a supply of the poor, and so force the trade from the poor to themselves, but the House of Commons at their last sitting passed a bill to provide for the supply of the poor, and therefore the rich shoemakers and curriers now oppose the whole bill, though then they declared they could say nothing against exportation, and the rich London shoemakers and curriers by opposing the bill design the ruin of the trade of the country tanners, shoemakers and curriers, as they have begun by seizing leather and shoes made in the country and sent to London, and the tanners that were against the retailing now perceive their mistake.

As to the vending of bad leather by retailing, the law provides that shoemakers, curriers and leather-workers shall be made searchers and sealers, and may prevent it, if they will, and there is no importation of wares made beyond sea of our leather, nor can it be reasonably thought there can be any, considering the charge out and in, nor is the best of our leather mostly exported but the worst.

Lastly, whereas they pray 7 years' trial whether they can vend it in ware, for 6 years after the prohibition they could not vend it in wares, and since the expiration of the Act they cannot do so, as appears, first because one third less of tanned leather is expended at home than formerly, second by the great increase of leather, thirdly by the lowness of the present price, and by its lying on tanners' hands market after market unsold. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 364.*) [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 152.*]

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Reasons against the exportation of any English or Irish wool, with a proposal of other ways for advancing its price offered to the House of Commons.

Wool is one of the principal native commodities of England and Ireland. Therefore the chief benefit thereof ought to redound to the subjects of the same, and not to those of any other realm.

Its manufacture is one of the chief means for employing and maintaining the poor of this kingdom, and the profit from manufacturing it is very much greater than that from the wool itself, which is wholly lost to the nation and put into the hands of foreigners, if its exportation be permitted.

Multitudes of poor in this kingdom are ready to starve for want of employment, and there are enough people in England to manufacture the wool of both kingdoms, therefore its great cheapness does not arise from its being more than can be manufactured here,

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but from want of a sufficient vent for it when manufactured. This arises from the great restraint on trade by the East India and Guinea Companies, they having monopolized the sole trade of above half the world, and utterly excluding all other subjects from trading to any places within their charters, though they neither do nor can export near so much of our woollen manufactures as would be, were there no such monopolies, and also from the intolerable impositions laid on English manufactures by the French king and others, and at home by the East India Company, who have laid 10*l.* on every piece of woollen cloth, 5*l.* on every cloth rash, 3*l.* on every woollen or worsted stuff, and 5*l.* on every piece of bayes sent by any but themselves to any part within their charter. If therefore the House would take care that all impositions laid on our woollen manufactures by any foreign power since 1660 be speedily taken off, and that the joint stocks of the East India and Guinea Companies be dissolved, and those trades put under the government of regulated companies, into which any subjects might be freely admitted and might send out as much of our woollen manufactures and to as many places as they should see fit, it is conceived that the price of wool would speedily rise, the poor be employed and maintained, the clothier grow rich, trade be much bettered, navigation increased, and the riches and stock of the whole kingdom much advanced. On the contrary, the exportation of wool, though it may be for the profit of a few, would unavoidably tend to take away the employment and maintenance of the poor, to the poverty of the clothier, the damage of the merchant, the decrease of the navigation, and consequently the great loss and impoverishment of the kingdom in general. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 361.*) [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 153.*]

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Reasons against the exportation of English and Irish wool, offered to the House of Commons. (The first two paragraphs are almost the same *verbatim* as those of the last paper.) The exportation is a principal cause of the growers vending it at so low a rate, because by one pack of English and Irish wool they improve abroad a double proportion of their own, as may appear by the variety of wool growing here, and also how useful every sort is for making all sorts of cloth and stuffs, and without them the like manufacture cannot be made anywhere abroad.

Here and in Ireland grows wool of all sorts, coarse, middle, fine and superfine, short, and long for the comb. Our finest in England grows about Leominster, which is as fine as any Spanish, and in Suffolk and elsewhere there is coarse. In every shire there is variety according to the pastures, fit to make all sorts of stuffs, nor is there the like in any other part of the world, nor can the like manufactures be made anywhere else without our wool, for, if it were all coarse, we could not make middle nor fine cloth, nor, if all fine, middle nor coarse; were it all short, we could make no worsted, if all long, no cloth.

First to make coarse cloth, we use all coarse short wool, but we take out of it the longest and coarsest for our warps and cheanes,

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and the finest for the obbs to shut upon it, which being the finest and shortest covers the cheane which is the coarser and makes a good ground, so when it comes to the mill the cheane is covered not to be seen. (The cheanes or warps is what is wound about the beams of the looms which goes through the slea and the obbs is what is wound about the quill and put into the shuttle and shut through the cheane and so beaten up in it, and the short fine wool gets a thick ground and covers the cheane, the long will not, but that is better for the cheane to hold working than the other.) When we make a second sort, we take the longest and best of the coarsest wool for the cheanes, and shut short middle wool on it, and thus you make a third, fourth, or fifth sort of fine or super-fine cloth, according to the goodness of the wool. The like may be done with the long wool for combing, with which may be made serges from 20s. to 10l. a piece by mixing the wool as aforesaid, taking always the longest and coarsest for the cheanes, which holds best in working, and the finest and shortest for the obbs. But this cannot be done in Spain, for the Spanish wool is so short, that it will hardly hold working, but take fine Leominster or Irish wool for the cheanes and shut the Spanish for the obbs, it makes excellent fine thin cloth, and thus the French and Dutch do with our wool. Neither can it be done in France, Flanders, Holland or Germany where the wool is generally coarse, without our wools, for ours spend all their coarse wools, because they use their own for warps for cloth and not for stuffs and shut our fine wool on it for their obbs. So when they make other sorts of stuffs abroad with silk or thread cheanes they must shut the English or Irish wool on it for their obbs, because their wool is so coarse it will not serve for stuffs, so it appears that with our wool they not only work up their own, but their silk and thread for the cheanes of their stuffs, which are sold as great rarities in England, though far better and more profitable ones are made here.

If the exportation of wool be permitted, it is not likely it can amount to the value if manufactured here, considering the custom on exported cloth, and on the materials for dyeing and dressing it imported. Neighbouring nations thereby employ in the manufacture thereof their own poor, supply foreign markets, and reap a great advantage. Our wool being exported, our trade is also exported and thousands of our manufacturers have followed and more will follow, which will tend much to the unpeopling of our nation, the great abatement of rents and the loss of the nobility and gentry.

If the exportation be effectually prohibited, it is conceived the price would rise, the grower have a higher rate and readier vent, the poor be fully employed, trade much bettered, navigation increased, and consequently the riches of the whole kingdom be much advanced. [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 154.*]

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Reasons offered to the House of Commons to demonstrate that a limited exportation of wool will be of public benefit to his Majesty and the nation, and no prejudice to the manufacture.

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The exportation has been from time to time allowed from 14 Edw. III. to 1647, and during its exportation there never was any want of it for manufacture nor complaint of the clothier that wool was wanting or the manufacture endangered till 1647.

When it was lawful to export English wool, no Irish was brought to England, but what was brought to English staples to be transported.

Considering the quantity of Spanish and other foreign wool now used and the sort of cloths now made, we do not consume of our own English wool in such thin fine broad cloths above one-third of what was spent 30 years ago in broad cloths, so, though the growth be increased, the consumption is lessened, and the manufacture by reason of the deceitfulness in cloth making prejudiced.

We submit to the judgment of the House what shall be done with the overplus not manufactured, there being now three or four years' wool in several graziers' hands, yet some, which formerly yielded 12*l.* the pack, has been lately sold at 4*l.* 1*s.* the pack.

If the House shall think fit by an Act to prohibit all subjects to transport wool, and to permit all foreign merchants between 1 Nov. and 25 March to buy and transport wool, paying a moderate custom, it is conceived that the price of wool will rise, the customs be increased, and the rent of land improved. Such permission to buy and transport is according to the statutes therein recited. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 361.*) [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 155.*]

[Oct. ?] List of the several offices of the Mint granted since the restoration, the warrants of which all passed by the respective Secretaries of State, the last being a grant of the office of porter to Richard Dallow, dated Oct., 1675. [*Ibid. No. 156.*]

[Oct. ?] The Fishermen and Seamen of Burnham, Barling, and elsewhere in Essex, to the King. Petition to order a day for a speedy hearing of the cause between themselves and Lord Fitzwalter, who about a month since (17 Sept., 1675, *see Privy Council Register, Vol. XI., p. 503*) was ordered to give in his speedy answer touching the right of fishing in Walfleet river, in which he claims an exclusive right, although it is a navigable river, a nursery for seamen, has always belonged to his Majesty and his predecessors, and was always free, which he delays to do. [*Ten signatures. Ibid. No. 157.*]

[Oct. ?] Statement of the mischiefs resulting to English handicraftsmen by the frequent importations of foreign manufactures, the silks, linens, and stuffs imported from France greatly over-balancing the whole English trade with them; with request that the King and Parliament will revive the hearts of thousands of English artists by discountenancing the wearing of foreign manufactures, both by their own examples and by either wholly prohibiting the importation thereof, or by laying a considerable duty on them proportionate to the French duties on English woollen and other commodities. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 365.*) [*Printed paper. Ibid. No. 158.*]

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Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 374. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward Bound.	Inward Bound.	Wind.	Remarks.
159	Oct. 1	3	67	0	N.	
160	" 2	3	1	0	N.E.	
161	" 3	3	1	0	E.	
162	" 4	3	0	0	E.	
163	" 5	3	2	0	S.	
164	" 6	3	2	0	S.W.	
165	" 7	3	10	0	S.W.	
166	" 8	3	10	3	W.	
167	" 9	3	15	3	N.W.	A great part of the outward-bound ships sailed to-day, and what are remaining at anchor in the Downs you shall have a just account of to-morrow, if any remain.
168	" 10	2	—	2	N.N.W.	
169	" 11	2	20	0	N.	
170	" 12	2	0	0	N.E.	
171	" 13	2	4	0	S.W.	
172	" 14	2	4	0	W.	
173	" 15	2	11	0	S.E.	
174	" 16	2	12	2	N.	
175	" 17	2	12	0	N.W.	
176	" 18	3	0	0	N.E.	
177	" 19	3	0	2	N.	
178	" 21	3	3	0	W.	
179	" 22	3	4	0	W.	
180	" 23	4	9	1	W.	
181	" 24	4	11	4	S.W.	
182	" 25	4	11	2	N.W.	
183	" 26	4	11	0	N.W.	
184	" 27	4	11	0	N.	
185	" 29	4	0	0	E.	
186	" 30	4	0	0	E.	
187	" 31	4	4	0	N.E.	

* Misdated 31 Sept.

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Lynn.

Edward Bodham to Williamson. To-day arrived a ship of this town which left Rotterdam last Thursday. The Saturday night before there began a very great storm, wind N.W. He tells us of many ships lost on that coast, and of several of their inland vessels over-set, and that about Amsterdam the sea made a breach, whereby much land was laid under water with great loss of people and cattle. To-day there is a general muster for this town, two foot companies appearing in very good equipage. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 188.*]

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Hugh Acland to Williamson. Several vessels are come into this harbour to load corn, some for the Canaries and some for Holland, taking the advantage of an Act that when corn is at such a rate the King is to pay the exporter 5s. a quarter, which will be very considerable in some places, but I wish they may not be sorry hereafter for want of it themselves. Wind N.E. [*Ibid. No. 189.*]

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Nov. 1. Francis Bellott to Williamson. The French man-of-war I gave
Pendennis you an account of in my last went out of this harbour last Saturday
Castle. morning, the wind fresh at N.E., and came in again the same fore-
noon and remains there. In the harbour are now about 20 or 30
light ships bound for Bordeaux and other parts of France, a small
vessel of this harbour laden with corn for the Canaries, and one of
Weymouth laden with pilchards and poor John for Leghorn. Wind
N.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 190.*]
- Nov. 1. *Caveat* at Lord Chief Justice North's desire that no grant pass of
the office of Clerk of the Treasury now in possession of Lord Berkeley
without notice to his Lordship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 17.*]
- Nov. Request that the above *caveat* be entered. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
374, No. 191.]
- Nov. 1. The Duke of York having a just demand of several deficiencies
Whitehall. due to him by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and desiring
a reference to the Lord Privy Seal and the Lord Lieutenant to
report their opinions what number of acres do of right belong to
him, reference ordered as desired. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46,*
p. 60.]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 195.*]
- Nov. 2. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which sufficiently appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 366.
[*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car II. 374, Nos. 192, 193.*]
- Nov. 2. Thomas Crosthwaite to Williamson. Begging his favour on behalf
Queen's of his kinsman, Francis Cape of Bassenthwaite Hall, Cumberland,
College. there, a searcher's or waiter's place belonging to the custom house
of Carlisle being now vacant by Mr. Williamson's death. [*Ibid.*
No. 194.]
- Nov. 2. Dr. Lively Moody to Williamson. Mr. Say must sit down still
Billing with his misfortunes. The living, it seems, was not directly in the
Magna. King's but in the Lord Keeper's gift, and I hear since Mr. Hatcher
had engaged or at least solicited you in behalf of one Sculthorpe.
However I did my part, and 'tis not the first kindness I have offered
at for my friend, though sometimes for my own disadvantage. For
the future I may learn to be more cautious, though at present I
know nothing but to make bricks and that without straw, and so I
may do still for the best Churchman of them all. Some lay friends
God has raised me at all times, and, when the priests and Levites
pass by, some unconcerned, others offended that I have outdone
them, they look on me with some compassion. I had rather indeed
have Phaethon's epitaph applied to some others than myself. [*Ibid.*
No. 195.]
- Nov. 2. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Variable winds and
Stockton. weather, frost, snow, and now rain. Wind S.E. [*Ibid. No. 196.*]
- Nov. 2. T. Aslaby to Williamson. I gave you an account of the *Merlin*
Bridlington. yacht taking up her anchors she was forced from. On Saturday
they got them, and stood northward with four or five light ships,

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but the wind being contrary brought them back into this road again last Sunday night, where they are now at anchor. Some wheat is shipped here and gone for Holland, and much more will be exported if the Act continue unrepealed, which grants for every quarter exported 5*s.* paid out of the Customs. Corn is already a considerable price for the encouragement of husbandry, but, if this Act be continued, it will advance much more, and take much from the revenue, and be very hard for the poor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 197.*]

Nov. 2.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch mail, which should have been at the Brill on Saturday at noon came not till Sunday last towards evening, notwithstanding which the packet-boat arrived here about noon yesterday, with a northerly and N.E. wind. The delay they lay on the inundation, which happened there by the last storm. It is reported that much of North Holland was under water, the steeples of their churches and some tops of houses only in many places to be seen. It so suddenly surprised them that it has been the destruction of many men, women and children. I shall not be forward to give their computation of how many hundred thousands of acres were drowned, but I have heard it is frequently discoursed among the Dutch that this loss far exceeds the damage done them by the French war.

The master gave an account of the loss of ships near the Brill. They had very much lightning in that storm on Monday, and some say off Flushing they saw a steeple on fire by it and heard much thunder. It was observed the sea ebbed but very little, for in that storm the lowest of water was as high as their ordinary spring tides. [*Ibid. No. 198.*]

Nov. 2.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. With note to Mr. Ball that in the week's paper of news sent him the votes of both Houses for Thursday, Friday and Saturday were omitted, but he saw them in other copies. [*Ibid. No. 199.*]

Nov. 2.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 200.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 200 r.*]

[Nov. 3.]

List of the sheriffs for the English counties for the three years ending on the morrow of All Souls', 1675, with a list of the persons chosen by the Lords of the Council on the morrow of All Souls', 1674, from among whom the sheriff of each county was to be pricked for the ensuing year, showing who was pricked for each county, with additional names suggested by Williamson. On the back is a list of the Welsh sheriffs for 1675 and notes by Williamson of the qualifications or disqualifications of some of the persons in the lists. [*Ibid. No. 201.*]

A fair copy of the above notes by Williamson. [*Ibid. No. 202.*]

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Notes giving reasons why Sir Compton Reade and John Pyott should be excused from serving as sheriff for Buckinghamshire and Staffordshire respectively. [*Ibid. Nos. 203, 204.*]

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Nov. 3. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which sufficiently appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 366, except the proceedings in Committee about shipbuilding, which appear from the report on p. 369. [Two copies. *S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 374, Nos. 205, 206.] *Annexed to one,*
Paper on behalf of many knights, gentlemen and others, prisoners for debt, desiring that to the bill read that day for amending an Act made in 1671 for the discharge of such prisoners for debt or damages as should make oath that they had not estates of the value of 10l. a clause might be added for the discharge of such prisoners also as will part with all their estates both real and personal for the satisfaction of their creditors, and submit themselves or any witness to be examined on oath for the true discovery of their estates. [Printed. *Ibid.* No. 206 1.]
- Nov. 3. Thomas Rotherham to Williamson. Requesting him to write to the bailiffs and burgesses of Yarmouth for making Thomas Watson free of that corporation. [*Ibid.* No. 207.]
- [Nov.] Thomas Rotherham to [Williamson]. Informing him that, if he signifies his desire to the head bailiffs on Mr. Watson's behalf according to the first letter from his correspondent, the writer perceives the business will be done. [*Ibid.* No. 208.]
- Nov. 3. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The late northerly winds have
Lyme. prevented any ships of late importing here, only the *Joan* of this place two days since from St. Valery. The master only informs that the French king was sick, but not much trouble expressed for it amongst the people. Their armies, they say, are going into their winter quarters. About 10 days since the *Thomas and Mary* of this place bound for Morlaix was met by two Ostenders off the Start, who fired a gun on him and afterwards boarded him, taking away several things and making the master pay a *pistole* for the shot, though she had a sea-brief. [*Ibid.* No. 209.]
- Nov. 3. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. This morning I was informed
Chester. the *Norwich* was arrived at Beaumaris in expectation of the Lord Lieutenant's return from London in order to his transportation for Dublin. The *Monmouth* yacht sailed from Holyhead for Dublin last Saturday with Lord Dillon. I formerly received a newsletter from your office once a week, but, since his Majesty went from London to Windsor, I have been neglected. [*Ibid.* No. 210.]
- Nov. 3. I. G. to [Williamson]. Bitterly inveighing against the lawyers whom he compares to their disadvantage with the monks in Henry VIII.'s time, complaining of the monstrous fees they charge, their refusal to take up a case without receiving them in advance, their arrogance in assuming the title of "learned in the law," &c. Among other things he mentions that the memory of Charles V. is still held sacred in Flanders, because he instituted a register of land transfers, and suggests that Charles II. by establishing such an institution might deserve the title of Charles le Bon. [*Latin.* 3½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 211.]
- Nov. 3. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for swearing and
Whitehall. admitting William Hill, of Hillsborough, Down, to be a Privy Councillor in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Signet Office* Vol. 9, p. 403.]

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Nov. 4. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 11. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 212.]
- Nov. 4. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 367. [*Ibid.* No. 213.]
- Nov. 4. Lord Poulett to Williamson. Requesting him to propose in place of Col. Strangeways and Mr. Audley Grey, lately deceased, the colonel's two sons, John and Thomas, as deputy lieutenants for Dorset. [*Ibid.* No. 214.]
- Nov. 4.
Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat arriving since my last we are destitute of news. Wind S.W. and weather dull, darksome and rainy. [*Ibid.* No. 215.]
- Nov. 4.
Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Our surmises of damage done to Holland by the last spring tides are cleared up by the information given us of the favourableness of them from two packet-boats lately arrived, one last night, the other this morning. They have had the wind not only contrary but high against them, which the masters say was the reason they durst not venture in all this time. They have had as we the wind westerly, where it continues. All their news (and that unfixed too) is, that the Dutch fear the French this winter, and that there was a muttering there, as if they were in some motion, so that the Dutch officers and soldiers in the Brill expect to be drawn back to the frontiers. [*Ibid.* No. 216.]
- Nov. 4.
Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 217.]
- Nov. 4.
Plymouth. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 218.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 218i.]
- Nov. 4.
Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 2nd put to sea above 20 English and Straits merchantmen for Bordeaux, &c., wind N.W., but the wind coming about once more westerly it is believed they will put back again. The 3rd the *Prosperous* of London from Barbados put to sea. They speak of the vigentsy (*sic*) and care of the Governor and people there in finding out the negroes concerned in the late rebellion, and securing themselves for the future. This morning put to sea the *Dolphin* of Havre from St. Domingo, homeward-bound, wind W. [*Ibid.* No. 219.]
- Nov. 4.
Whitehall. The Duke of Lauderdale to the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President and the remanent Senators of the College of Justice. The Principal Commissioners of Prizes in England having 4 Nov. last represented in a long narrative the injury they conceived to be done to his Majesty's interest by a late sentence in the Scotch Court of Admiralty in favour of Capt. Rankin, a privateer, and his partners, whereby the *Tortoise* of Nantes was condemned as their prize, his Majesty ordered me to transmit the whole case to you. This having come to my hand towards the close of the last winter session, and

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the said Commissioners having 22 Oct. last sent me a letter to the same purpose, whereof a copy is enclosed, I now send you the whole case with his Majesty's order thereon, whereby you will perceive that his Advocate is charged with the prosecution thereof. I beseech you to send your answer as soon as you conveniently can. [S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 359.] *Perhaps enclosed,*

The state of the case touching the Tortoise of Nantes, taken last June by a Dutch caper on her way to the French plantations in the West Indies and retaken in August, now at Leith.

Prince Rupert commanded the Nightingale and the Galliard, a French man-of-war, to ply northward, to discover the Dutch East India fleet. About the Dogger Bank they spied a Dutch privateer with three prizes, one English and two French. The Nightingale after several hours' sharp fight forced the privateer to fly, and then took two of the prizes, one English and one French. Meanwhile the French frigate chased the third prize, the Tortoise, and made her strike sail, but a Scotch privateer, coming accidentally, ran her first on board. The French captain appealing to the Nightingale as his superior, Capt. Pierce, her commander, turned out all the privateer's men, and put a crew of his own and some of the Galliard's company on board her, but, the ships being divided by stress of weather, the Nightingale and the said three prizes came into Leith, where Capt. Pierce delivered them into the custody of the sub-commissioners there. The Scotch privateer, commanded by Capt. Ranken, came at the same time into Leith, and presently in the Court of Admiralty claimed the said ship and goods, for having first boarded her. Sir Alexander Bruce of Broomhall, said to be a part-owner of the said privateer, and Capt. James Crawford came to the said sub-commissioners to allege the privateer's right, and the said Sir Alexander, who is deputy to the Vice-Admiral, the Earl of Kincardine, and who, in the Earl's absence, with the Judge of the Court, manages the Admiralty affairs there, commanded the Admiralty waiters to put seals and locks on the hatches, as the waiters of the sub-commissioners in behalf of his Majesty had done the day before. But the sub-commissioners gave no other answer than that they conceived the right was in his Majesty, and that they must lay all before the Lords Commissioners of Prizes at Whitehall (which they did by several letters and depositions) and attend their resolutions thereon. The said letters and depositions were sent to the Court of Admiralty here in order to proceed in his Majesty's behalf, but, before any determination could be therein, 'tis represented by further letters of the 6th instant from the sub-commissioners that the Scotch privateer had procured warrant from the Admiralty to break the seals and locks and unlade the goods, which order was put in execution notwithstanding a public protest by one of the sub-commissioners. The Judge of the Admiralty here, having notice of these proceedings, by his letter of the 15th instant set forth to the Lords Commissioners his opinion of the violent manner thereof and how the Scotch privateer had no kind of colour to share in the prize, his Majesty's frigate having solely vanquished the Dutch ship of force, which was its guard.

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After the goods were by violence taken ashore, they were put into cellars, and the sub-commissioners not only took an inventory thereof, but put locks on the cellars. However by his letters of the 18th one of them represents that the judge gave warrant for the sale of the best of the said goods, as the wines, brandy, and tobacco, which he also protested against, yet they were bought by one Hamilton, an officer of the same court, who, finding locks on the cellars, went to Sir Henry Bruce, 26 Sept., 1673, and procured his order to be possessed of the goods, and, in case of refusal, that the doors should be violently broke open, which was put in execution, and the doors were violently opened and the goods taken away, and the said sub-commissioner entered another protest against the same, but all in vain. At the sale the conditions were read to the bidders, where the said Sir Alexander, being the public agent, directed the merchants assembled to take notice that, if the prize proved his Majesty's, the buyer was to be liable to pay the Custom and Excise, but, if the privateer's, then only to pay tenths and fifteenths, on which uncertainty, the difference in payment being very great, none of the merchants would hazard to buy the goods, so that this was the probable reason why they fell into the hands of the said Hamilton who was supposed to be employed by the said Sir Alexander. [8 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 220.]

The Lords Commissioners of Prizes to the Duke of Lauderdale. We presented his Majesty in Council, 4 Nov. last, with a full state of all proceedings touching the Tortoise, and prayed that the said case might be appealed to the Lords of Session in Scotland, and he declared he would give your Grace directions to that effect, and you received all the papers accordingly. However we hear not yet of any progress in the said appeal, which we are the more solicitous in, because there are considerable debts on the prize account, to part of which we design the product of the said ship and her lading, presuming very much from what we know that the Lords of Session will find it most just to reverse the hard sentence given in prejudice of his Majesty. So we recommend the matter to your favour that the same may have dispatch at the session of the Lords now approaching. The Council Chamber, Whitehall, 22 Oct., 1675. [Copy.] With memorandum endorsed that Secretary Williamson is desired to move his Majesty to renew his commands to Lord Lauderdale to write to the Lords of Session to expedite the appeal of the Tortoise according to the case fully stated in Council in an order of 4 Nov., 1674. [Ibid. No. 221.]

Nov. 4. Memorials of protection to the Earl of Carnwath and to Elizabeth
Whitehall. Fraser, Lady Dowager elder of Towie, for three years respectively.
[S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 360.]

Nov. 4. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for the creation of
Whitehall. the office of Clerk of the Entries in the port of Dublin and for a
grant of the said office to William Pledwell during good behaviour.
[S.P. Dom., Signet Office Vol. 9, p. 380.]

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Nov. 5. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news more than fair weather,
Stockton. wind N.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 222.*]
- Nov. 5. Warrant to William Smith, messenger, to apprehend St. Ger-
main, a Jesuit, and bring him before Secretary Williamson. Minute.
[*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 88.*]
- Nov. 6. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 368.* On
the back of one copy are notes of the proceedings in the House of
Lords on the 4th. [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, Nos. 223,*
224.]
- Nov. 6. Francis Grigg to Williamson. Some occasions last summer called
Pembroke me into the North, where I had the opportunity of visiting Mistress
Hall. Curson, who is mighty sensible of the great tenderness you have
expressed, and has resolved to order all affairs according to your
directions. The 23rd of last month I accompanied her and Mistress
Ardrey on their journey from Milbeck towards Musgrave as far as
Penrith, where I left them in very good health. I am apt to assure
myself that you will remember him who sends this as a testi-
monial of the duty he owes you. [*Ibid. No. 225.*]
- Nov. 6. John Mill to Williamson. I cannot have so little regard to the
Queen's peculiar concern you own for Mr. Wyndham's studies, as not to
College, express an industry in promoting them suitable to the justice of
Oxford. your expectation. The favour of your confidence in this is too great
to be rudely frustrated by an ordinary diligence in his institution,
and I hope I shall be easily thought incapable of so indiscreet an
ingratitude as to neglect the happy occasion now allowed me of
evidencing my ambition to merit your countenance and approbation.
I crave the greater freedom in professing my resolutions of a
very singular zeal in this, because I find his deficiency in his rudi-
ments such as I should be sorry to have an estimate of my pains
taken from his progress, which for some time can be but little
discernable. We shall be obliged to converse a considerable part of
the day with classic authors, in order to a more perfect understand-
ing of the Latin tongue, before we can proceed to more rational
studies. If his diligence equals his capacity, this nonage of his will
be shorter. In the interim nothing shall be wanting on my part,
whereby I may in any measure contribute to the improvement of
his intellectuals. [*Ibid. No. 226.*]
- Nov. 6. Dr. Isaac Vossius to Williamson. Begging that by his favour he
may be given permission freely to transfer his library furniture
from the vessel that brought it to a smaller one, in which it may
be conveyed to Windsor. [*Latin. Ibid. No. 227.*]
- Nov. 6. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat has arrived since
Harwich. my last, the wind having been ever since contrary at W. and N.W.,
where it is at present. [*Ibid. No. 228.*]
- Nov. 6. Sir J. Williamson to the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Yarmouth.
Whitehall. At the request of a fellow servant, an officer in the King's House,
recommending to them a friend of his, Thomas Watson, to be a
freeman of their town. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 61.*]

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the increase of rent for their present relief, and also for restoring them to the possession of their principal houses and 2,000 acres thereto adjoining according to the said Acts, if they or their ancestors were possessed of so much on 22 Oct., 1641, by reprizing the Adventurers, Soldiers and others now in possession thereof out of the common stock of *custodium* lands and out of the several lands in Ireland yet undisposed of, viz., lands restored to Irish natives as proviso-men and innocents above what was their own on 22 Oct., 1641, and lands enjoyed in Connaught by transplanted persons, though they were restored to their ancient estates, and lands in possession of transplanted persons, who had formerly no estates of freehold, and lands enjoyed by others of greater value than their ancient estates, whereupon the said Committee have certified their opinion, that for the present relief of the said Nominees we may grant them the *custodium* lands aforesaid and remit the increase of rents over and above the quit-rents thereon and likewise bestow on them the said undisposed of lands towards reprizing the several persons now in possession of the estates to which they were to be restored by the said Acts, if now the same may be legally done, but, if it cannot, then they were of opinion that we may grant to the said Nominees the said several undisposed of lands, to be proportionably divided amongst them in satisfaction of their 2,000 acres and principal house to which they were to be restored by the said Acts, but before any such distribution they advised there should be an inquiry and true estimate made of the value of those very lands each Nominee should have been restored to by the Acts aforesaid, and of the value of the lands he at present enjoys, the same to be rated according to the valuation prepared by the Lord Lieutenant and Council for a direction to the Commissioners of Claims, to the end that, if any Nominee be found to be satisfied in value above what he should have been restored to by the Acts, it may be left to our bounty whether he shall keep the same, but, if what any Nominee has in value above the 2,000 acres fall short of the ancient paternal estate whereof he or his ancestors were possessed on 22 Oct., 1641, the Committee were of opinion that we may continue it to them, and, if the principal messuage or any of the 2,000 acres appointed to the Nominees have been assigned to any Adventurer, Soldier or other who has taken out letters patent for the same, and such Nominee desire to try his title with the said Adventurer, Soldier or other, the Committee were of opinion that he may be free to do so, but, that our bounty be respited till the trial be over, and lastly they advised that such of the Nominees as have not received any benefit or satisfaction at all either out of their 2,000 acres or otherwise, be in the first place satisfied the value of their principal houses and 2,000 acres or so much as they were to be restored to by the Acts out of such lands as are at present in our dispose to the use of the Acts. We are well satisfied with the said report, and it is accordingly our will and pleasure that you pursue and execute the same in such manner as the thing will bear, and as will be most effectual for the purposes aimed at by the same, we being desirous that the said Nominees should receive the benefit of our gracious intentions towards them as far as the matters mentioned in the report will reach, and the way of proceeding therein offered be practicable, but,

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if after examination on the place you find any clause thereof inconvenient, you are to forbear proceeding on such doubtful clause, till you have received our further directions thereon, putting nevertheless in execution all the other parts thereof. And our further will and pleasure is that Gerald Fitzgerald and Mary, his wife, she being the heir of George Fitzgerald, mentioned amongst the petitioners, and Robert Arthur, named also as one of the said petitioners, be admitted in the condition of Nominees and that they receive the benefits intended to the Nominees in the premises as if they were themselves Nominees, the agents for the Nominees having consented thereto. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 381.*]

Nov. 7. William Wright to Williamson. Thanking him most warmly for
Oxford. freeing him from that office, that he was in danger to serve. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 229.*]

Nov. 7. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats came in
Harwich. last night, but brings no news. The wind continues westerly and blows fresh. [*Ibid. No. 230.*]

Nov. 7. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. *No. 231.*]

Nov. 7. Warrant to William Smith, messenger, to search for and apprehend St. Germain, an alleged Jesuit, and bring him before Williamson or the Privy Council. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 88.*]

Nov. 8. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 13. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 232.*]

Nov. 8. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 369. [*Ibid. No. 233.*]

[Nov. ?] James Ward of Langley near Windsor to the King. Petition for a patent for 14 years for his engine for pumping water which on trial before his Majesty in St. James' Park was found to pump by the strength of one man two ton of water in a minute. *At the foot,*

Nov. 8. *Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor General. On the*
Whitehall. *back,*

Report of Sir W. Jones, Attorney-General, in favour of granting the petitioner's request. 19 Nov. [Ibid. No. 234.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 65.*]

[Nov. ?] Thomas Rayner of St. Giles in the Fields, corn Chandler, and Christopher his son and Martha, wife of the said Christopher daughter of Alexander Broome, deceased, to the King. Petition for a pardon for a marriage between the said Christopher and Martha solemnized without the privity of Mrs. Randall, Martha's mother, who on pretence that Martha, whom she formerly affirmed

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to be 17, was under 16 at the time of the marriage, now threatens to prosecute the petitioners and their friends who were at the marriage.
At the foot,

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Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor General. On the back,

Report by Sir Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, that the young woman's friends had treated with Thomas Rayner for a marriage with his son, and they seemed to agree, but, before the marriage agreement could be perfected, the young people married, and that he conceives it is a very fit case for a pardon.
 [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 235.]

Another copy of the above reference. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 61.]

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Walter Goold to Williamson. Lady Inchiquin, being very ill and unable to wait on you in person, has commanded me to request you to stop the sending of a letter written by the Commissioners of Tangier, till Lord Inchiquin's secretary, Col. George Phillips, who is daily expected in the *Mary Rose*, arrives, who comes on purpose to give an account of all transactions in that garrison. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 236.]

Nov. 8.
 Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. Last Saturday came to anchor in this bay 20 light colliers with the *Merlin* yacht. Several of them were down as low as Tynemouth Bar, but the north wind blowing a hard gale forced them back here. Several left their anchors behind them. The yacht got an anchor here, and last night they loosed, and are gone northward, the wind being E. [*Ibid.* No. 237.]

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 Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. On receiving yours of the 6th with the enclosed I went to our bailiffs, and entering into discourse about Mr. Watson found they were as ready to comply with your desires as when I first moved it to them. Hereon I delivered them your letter, and they desired me to inform you they would suddenly call an assembly, where they would effectually serve you.

Our Nonconformists continue their meetings publicly at their usual place and in as great numbers as ever, a shame they should be suffered to contemn the laws whilst the makers of them are sitting. It is this sufferance that emboldens them to this height of impudence, who, when the laws are put in execution, are as tame as lambs, and not found, what they pretend, either as to number or courage. My blood boils within to see this dishonour put upon the nation by an inconsiderable people, who are easily restrained, if the magistrates and those in office were punished for the neglect of their duty. [*Ibid.* No. 238.]

Nov. 8.
 Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Last Saturday night a Dantzig ship being in Portland Road, a French man-of-war, which had been here some time, went out of our harbour, and next morning there being no sight of either ship some of our town conjecture that the Frenchman boarded her at night and carried her away, but I can learn no good ground for their conjecture.

Just now the *Speedwell* ketch of Salem from New England came into our harbour bound for London, having 5 weeks' passage. The

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master gives account that King Philip's Indians have destroyed several of our English there, having at one time about 10 weeks since killed three or four and twenty of Capt. Beere's company with their captain, and five weeks since 64 under Capt. Lathrop with their captain as they were going with provisions to a garrison the name whereof the master forgot, not above four escaping. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 239.]

Nov. 8. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S. [*Ibid.*
Truro. No. 240.]

Nov. 8. Francis Bellott to Williamson. The wind being last week N.W.,
Pendennis Castle. last Wednesday those bound for France went out of this harbour, and on Thursday the French man-of-war and French Banker, that I gave account of in my last, went hence. Some small vessels are in the harbour at present. A small Isle of Wight ship took fire last Saturday evening, and had been clearly burnt, had it not been quenched by boats from the shore, but she was saved and only her forecastle burnt. Wind now S. [*Ibid.* No. 241.]

Nov. 8. Inquisition of *ad quod damnum* reporting that a grant to Giles
Chippenham. Eyre of two yearly fairs at Downton, Wiltshire, will not prejudice any neighbouring fairs. With writ for the inquisition prefixed, dated 18 June. [*Latin. Ibid.* No. 242.]

[Nov. 8?] Reasons offered to Parliament why an Act should be passed for making the river Derwent navigable from Derby to the Trent, as being beneficial to the trade of the town, to the carriage of goods in the county, they being of great weight as lead, iron, coals and stone, and to the preservation of the highways. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., pp. 368, 369.*) [*Printed. Ibid.* No. 243.]

[Nov. 8?] Objections against the proposed Act laboured by a few gentlemen that get lead and maltsters in Derby, showing public and private inconveniences to result therefrom to Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham, the south-east part of Derbyshire, and several private gentlemen. [*Printed. Ibid.* No. 244.]

[Nov. ?] "A letter from a Person of Quality to his Friend in the Country" giving an account of the proceedings during the previous session on the Test Bill (*see Lords' Journals, of 8 Nov., Vol. XIII., p. 13.*). Printed in *State Tracts*, A.D. 1689, p. 41, and elsewhere. [*Two copies. Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F.*]

[Nov. 8?] Answer by M. de Luzancy to a paper presented to the King by Father St. Germain, a Jesuit, to justify his violence to him. I came to England a little more than four months ago in order to embrace the Protestant religion, which I did with great joy, and to show the sincerity of my conversion printed a sermon giving the reasons of it. The whole Popish faction thereupon being unable to answer these reasons, thought it necessary to behave in their usual manner, that is to abuse people, ascribe to them intentions they have not, publish that one is come to get married in England, and a thousand things of that nature.

Father St. Germain egged them on, and, when he met French Protestants, he could not restrain his zeal, and told them a hundred

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things against me. I desired to see that man who never having known me, was blackening me so assiduously. An opportunity occurred at Windsor at the French Ambassador's house. The conversation turning on a point of controversy, I disputed some time with him. He promised to turn Protestant if I proved a fact to him that we were arguing about. He was convinced of it, but, far from keeping his word, he exhorted me to turn. Going out together we conversed for about an hour, when he displayed to me the great good things he was doing here for the Church of Rome, and pressed me to return to it. It was he who sent back all who had quitted it; that the sight alone of the Church of England confirmed him to remain as he was, that here he had lost all the virtues he had acquired in France, but that his love for the Church of Rome was increased.

I have not spoken to him since and all I have known of him is that he ran about everywhere to tear me in pieces. I have met him several times and have been always civil to him, never speaking ill of him, though I knew many little stories about him.

I continued to preach either at Windsor or London, and everywhere he sent people to observe me. But, seeing I appeared firm and that I had wherewith to show him the weakness and falseness of his religion, when he spoke to me, he believed it necessary to take a shorter and surer way. The fourth of October he came to my chamber with another man at nightfall, as I was preparing to go out. I do not know if he saw by my expression that his visit surprised me, but he said smilingly, "You are perhaps astonished to see me here at this hour." I replied that persons of his merit never took people by surprise, and that he did me too much honour. He then came in with his companion, and, I having told them to be seated, they began to speak of ordinary topics, till the Father asked me if they could speak freely in my room. I answered "Yes," and, thinking that he wished to argue without being overheard, I added that no one lodged above or below me, that there were few neighbours, and that I had chosen the place as fit for study, and that he could safely speak. He got up immediately, telling me that I was a wretch, who had horribly scandalised the Church, and that, had I a thousand lives, I could not expiate such a great fault. He called me a renegade, an apostate, a Huguenot, for whom there was no salvation, if I did not go to pass the rest of my days in a monastery. He said this in a furious passion. As I began to answer him, the other man interrupted me, saying in bad French, that there was no need to argue, that they stabbed and removed people when they did not do what was wished, and that, if I said a word, or even rose from my chair, there were three men ready to do it, and that I must resolve to die or to leave England. I promised them everything they desired, and I believed I had got rid of them, when the Father told me, that to make sure of my promise, they wished me to copy and sign a writing they presented to me. As I was rising from my seat, the two approached, the one who was not a Frenchman saying, if you utter a single word, if you do not do as we wish, you have not a moment to live, and the Father ran to my door to call the three men on the staircase. I was seized with terror, and wrote the paper, from which I omitted

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many things, as far as the fright I was in allowed me. While I was writing, the one not a Frenchman always watched me, and the Father went from time to time to the door. At last, when the paper was in their hands, they rose, threatening that, if I said a single word of what had passed there were 4,000 Catholics in London, they knew where I went and whom I saw, and that I should disappear in a quarter of an hour, when I least expected it.

I did not cry out after them, for, besides not knowing how I ought to call the English to my assistance, I was in such a fright that I could not move for an hour afterwards. I went to bed in the greatest imaginable trouble, and next day concluded that I must recover my paper at any price. At first I conceived I ought to make a complaint, but several reasons (which follow) deterred me.

I therefore believed I ought to use address rather than force and pretend to agree to what he wished of me, in order to get back my paper under the pretext of wishing to add or omit something.

The Jesuit came to see me in the evening and told me he had come from the Spanish Envoy's, from whom he had asked means of sending me into Flanders by Ostend (he took care not to put that particular in the paper he presented to his Majesty) but the Minister had refused him (I do not know if he spoke the truth) and that I should cross to France in a yacht his Majesty had lent to a Catholic lord, in which a Jesuit, who was going to the Indies, was also to cross.

I appeared to fall in with his plans, and he told me seriously that there were many people to whom force must be used, that there were natures slow to do right, who had to be pushed, that if he had not used force to me, I should not be indebted to him for my eternal salvation. He appeared to me this first time cool enough.

Next day he came back, and, as I seemed to agree with him, he grew warmer than on the day before. I took the opportunity of telling that fear had prevented me from seeing what I was writing, and asked him to show me what I had written that I might add or omit what was proper. I hoped thereby to get it out of his hands. He said it was reasonable, and he would bring it next day.

Next morning he sent me his servant with a letter, saying that the Catholic lord had refused him a place on the yacht, and that I must therefore cross to Rochelle in a merchantman, which is to sail at daybreak. (He took care to say nothing of this to his Majesty in his paper.)

He came to see me in the evening and finding his letter on my table burnt it so quickly that I hardly perceived it. He wished to remove the suspicion this might have given me, by appearing to speak to me with confidence. It was during this conversation, that, asking him how he had ventured to come and find me as he had done, he told me, that, if he had been discovered, he knew the King's intention thereupon, that his Majesty is a Catholic in his heart, that they were working to establish liberty of conscience, and that, if that were once done, England, before two years were out, would recognize the Pope, that indeed the Parliament made a noise, but that it is a wave that must be let go by, that there are Jesuits here, who do not appear, but who carry on important business, that he had for 24 months persecuted a monk who had

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turned Protestant, and that at last he had made him make a public abjuration in the Portuguese ambassador's chapel.

However I consulted one of my friends, a very good Protestant, whom I have produced to his Majesty. At first he advised me to make the thing public, but, when I told him the Jesuit had promised to let me see my writing, he advised me to go on dissembling. Therefore, seeing he came no more to me, I went to his lodging accompanied by the same Protestant witness I have also produced to his Majesty. He told me that at the same hour next day he would return my paper. I returned and seeing he was giving me bad excuses, I appeared a little vexed, on which he said, Why do you trouble yourself? Think only of leaving. We have put everything in order. I have a mistress who spares nothing for such matters. You are only asked to leave, on which you will be given up to 3 or 400 pistoles.

Next day I returned again but without result. He said he had spoken to those who had my paper, but they had been unwilling to give it him. However he asked me to go to London to speak to a merchant to know when the ship for Rochelle was to sail. I was unwilling to do so, and he thereupon used horrible oaths, swearing that he would return that paper, and that we would settle it together, provided I did so. I did so the day after to prevent giving him suspicion, and I warned one of my Protestant friends, whom I have produced to his Majesty, in order that he should know where I was, in case I did not return at such and such an hour. Besides, I knew before I went, that ship would not sail for more than eight days afterwards. Finally, after getting me to do this, he told me plainly that I should not see him. I immediately betook myself to a French minister, who advised me to be silent for some days more, and to preach publicly in order that my sentiments might be known. I did so, and I applied to a lord who is well known for his probity and for his love of religion, who laid my complaint before the King. The King was kind enough to receive it, and ordered Mr. Williamson to inform me of it. Everyone knows his Majesty's judgment on my complaints and on that Jesuit's defences.

(Reply at length to the various counter-charges brought against him by St. Germain. See *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 369.) [16 pages. French. *S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 374, No. 246.] Annexed,

Extract from the register of baptisms of the church of St. Sauveur, Paris, of the baptism of Hippolithe, son of François Chastelet, aged 27 months, 11 May, 1651. [French. *Ibid.* No. 246 i.]

Certificate of Hippolite Chastelet having received the tonsure. 17 Dec., 1661. [Latin. *Ibid.* No. 246 ii.]

Certificate by Harduin, Archbishop of Paris, of Hippolite Chastelet having received the four minor orders. 24 April, 1666. [Latin. *Ibid.* No. 246 iii.]

Testimonial by Gabriel, Bishop of Autun, in favour of Hippolite de Chastelet, who is leaving the house of the secular Fathers of the congregation of the Christian Doctrine at Avalon. 12 Dec., 1678. [French. *Ibid.* No. 246 iv.]

Licence for a year by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Paris to Hippolite du Chastelet, sub-deacon, to preach. 17 March, 1674. [Latin. *Ibid.* No. 246 v.]

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Testimonial by Gabriel, Bishop of Autun, in favour of Hippolite du Chastelet, who had been for 10 months previously in his diocese. 8 Nov., 1674. Aralon. (All these copies of testimonials relate to de Luzancy, the name Chastelet had taken.) [Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 246 VI.]

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Statement by Jaque Roupphano de Villeneuve, that about a month ago about 7 in the evening he saw on the Earl of Oxford's staircase two men, a smaller one and a larger one, who were conversing. He heard one say "He has preached," the other said "No matter, we have what he has written in our pocket." They said further "He made a stout resistance." Thereupon three others came and said "Let us go," on which they separated, and one party went towards Pall Mall, or rather towards St. James', and the other towards St. Alban's Street. Three of them had swords and were dressed in black, unless the deponent was mistaken on account of the darkness of the evening. [*French. Ibid. No. 247.*]

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Sir J. Williamson to Mr. Bastinck, Mr. Langley, Mr. Welsh, and the Searcher at Gravesend. Circular. Warrants having been issued for the apprehension of St. Germain, a Jesuit priest, who lately made an attempt on the person of the Sieur de Luzancey, a convert to the Protestant Religion, with endeavours to draw him back to the Church of Rome, and to that end to have obliged him to transport himself beyond the sea, and he not being to be found, directing him to make diligent search among such as endeavour to pass the sea from that port for the said St. Germain (a description of whom is enclosed), and, if found, to carry him before the Mayor of that town to be committed by him to safe custody, or otherwise to be sent up hither under a safe guard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 61.*] *Annexed,*

The said description. [Ibid. p. 62.]

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Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Cary, Viscount Molyneux, William his son and heir apparent, Bridget, his wife, and Richard Lucy of Charleton, Warwickshire, praying that the Justices of the Common Pleas might be authorized to appoint the said William and Bridget one or more guardians, and to allow them by such guardian to suffer a common recovery. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 62.*]

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Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir John Lethieullier praying an order for payment of 1,500*l.* lent his Majesty on the funds of the fee-farm rent. [*Ibid.*]

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Warrant to Roger L'Estrange, Surveyor of the Press, or to one of the messengers, to make strict search for all copies of a book entitled, *A Letter from a Person of Quality to his friend in the Country*, and also for the author, printer, or publisher thereof, and when found to bring them before Williamson or a Justice of the Peace, and also to seize all such copies thereof as shall be discovered. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 89.*]

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Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 14. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 248.*]

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Nov. 9. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 370. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 249.]
- Another copy of the proceedings in both Houses. [*Ibid.* No. 250.]
- Saturday, Nov. 9. Sir Thomas Lynch to Williamson. Just now coming home I found letters from Jamaica and Barbados with the enclosed account, which I send, because particular, though so very lamentable. The *Foresight* escaped miraculously by the experience and dexterity of a Jamaica pilot.
(sic.) The gentleman Lord Vaughan sent was four days at Havana, the frigate not suffered to come in, and he told for answer that satisfaction must be demanded at Madrid. [*Ibid.* No. 251.]
- Nov. 9. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The westerly winds continue to hinder our packet-boats. It blew yesterday a very fret of wind, but to-day it is much slackened and got more westerly. [*Ibid.* No. 252.]
Harwich.
- Nov. 9. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Concerning the non-arrival of the packet-boats as in the last. The late sudden change of the weather, our bodies not having been by degrees habituated to it, has opened a Pandora's box of colds among us, of which I have had my share very severely. [*Ibid.* No. 253.]
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- Nov. 9. Richard Watts to Williamson. The last violent winds have but (sic) several ships to sea not yet heard of, since which no news presents, or that which is not acceptable, that is, the confirmation of the loss of at least 200 at Tangier.
Deal. *Postscript.* 4 p.m.—Two of our Deal pilots, who came even now from Flanders, say that in the last storm last Thursday they saw several ships strike and founder, one whereof they report to be the *Abraham* belonging to Dover. [*Ibid.* No. 254.]
- Nov. 9. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 255.]
Portsmouth.
- Nov. 9. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. This evening here are 4 or 5 French ships homeward-bound from the Bank. [*Ibid.* No. 256.] *Enclosed,*
Plymouth. *The said list.* [*Ibid.* No. 256¹.]
- [Nov. ?] Monsieur Morel to the Duke of York. Being in company with another French gentleman, an Englishman there speaking of religion said, "If we could discover that our King favours the Roman Church, or is in his soul of that religion, we should know how to find means to cut off his head, as his father's was, if he does not take care." God only knows the heart of that wretch, and his reason for uttering these sacrilegious and terrible words. We are both ready to confirm on oath the words of this scoundrel, whose abode I can discover without making any noise, after which I shall produce the other witness, if his Majesty and your Highness find it proper. We do not know if he has the same intentions as the cruel usurper, and if he is capable, which God forbid, of putting himself at the head of the rebellious. I warned Lord Finch, who

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recommended me to be diligent since I had so much love for your Royal persons, which I cannot do without leaving my work, by which I live, for your Highness will remember, if he pleases, that the last St. Charles' day I had the honour of presenting my works to his Majesty with numerous "*eloges*" on his glory which he received with so much praise and kindness as led me to hope for his royal liberality. However, when I took the liberty of asking it of him most respectfully a few days afterwards, he replied he was a poor man like myself, which not a little surprised me in a monarch who is one of the most generous in the world, for never has any King or Prince received my works without giving me some present, and he is the only one from whom I have received nothing. Judge if after that I am obliged to pursue and look for his enemies at my own expense. I should be quite satisfied if your Royal Highness would decide the amount of that royal bounty. It is true I would have held him discharged for what he should have given me at the time he did me the honour of receiving my works, but now I do not know if I shall give him a discharge for 100 or 50 *guineas*, and, when I shall present two petitions, one to the Upper and one to the Lower Chamber, it will cost him 200, and perhaps more, but, to avoid all this, let yourself be the arbitrator, I promising to accept what he shall give you, that, when I shall be asked for marks of the liberality of his Britannic Majesty, I shall have something to show.

Your Royal Highness will know that the Duke of Monmouth ordered me 5 *guineas* in recompense for my "*eloges*" of him, the Lords, 2 or 3, and the Duchess your wife, one lately by the hands of the Countess Lucretia, an Italian, but I believe this is not the whole of her Highness' bounty who passes for a very generous Princess. My abode is at the sign of the Crown in New Cane Street near Long Acre in the parish of St. Giles. *Endorsed by Williamson, as received from the Duke 8 or 9 Nov., 1675. [French, S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 257.]*

Nov. 9. Warrant to John Bradley to search the house of Catharine Knight in St. Giles' for a seditious and scandalous pamphlet, entitled, *A Letter from a Person of Quality to his friend in the Country*, and to seal up as many of the said pamphlets as he shall find, and bring them before Williamson with the said C. Knight. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 89.*]

Nov. 10. Notes of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 15*, and *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 371*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 258.*]

Separate notes of the proceedings in both Houses. [*Ibid. Nos. 259, 260.*]

Nov. 10. Examination of Catharine Knight, of the parish of St. Giles', widow, taken before Secretary Williamson. The woman who was in her chamber, when the messenger came, and slipped away, lives about Smithfield, but she refuses to tell her name. She had some of the same books, viz., a quartern, from her before, and the money received for them was on the table when the messenger came. The said woman was to have this quartern also now seized with her.

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She received 32s. for the quartern she sold before. She had 150 copies in all of the said book, and this unknown woman had the greatest part of them. She disposed of no copies but to this woman. This woman was with her last night and bought a quartern for which she paid 32s. this morning. Being asked again if she disposed of any copies to any but the said woman, she answered she sold 25 or 50 to a certain fat woman who keeps a bookselling shop at the foot of the stone stairs going up to the Court of Requests, and that she and the other woman were the only persons to whom she disposed of any. The fat woman had them at 18d. a piece, and paid her 36s. in the whole. She carried the copies to the fat woman yesterday sennight, and delivered them to the maid, the mistress being in the shop, in the afternoon. The maid fetched 36s. and then had the books. She went to the shop and showed one of the books to the mistress and asked if she would buy any, telling her they were 18d. a piece. The mistress answered she would send her maid to pay for them, on which the maid went with the examine through the Hall in New Palace Yard, where she paid her 36s. for a quartern she had. She came by the knowledge of this fat woman by the unknown woman, who told her she believed she would have some of them. Asked where she had any of the said copies, she said they were left for her altogether on Saturday sennight at the house where she was taken, in the shop wrapped up in a cloth. Nobody was in the shop but a little boy, the party that brought them laying them down and saying they were for the examine. The cloth they were lapped up in was a piece of striped stuff. They were in sheets, and were stitched up by herself alone. No person has ever been since to inquire after them or ask money for them. She knows not from whom or whence they came or who left them. Returning home about 10 that morning the little boy told her something was left for her. She was nowhere but at one Bayley's, where she formerly lodged. She never dealt in the dispersing of any books whatever before, and does not know any printer or bookseller. She never acquainted her landlord or any one else in the house with anything of this matter. The unknown woman, besides what she had last night and was to have had this morning, had about 12 before at 16d. a piece. Her landlord is Robert Champ, who keeps a potter's shop at the *Coach and Horses* in St. Giles'. Saturday sennight the unknown woman had some of those books from her the first time. She has known her for several years, but refuses to say on what occasion she first knew her. Meeting her the said Saturday, the examine told her she had some books to sell, asking if she would have any, and there, going into an alehouse she does not remember, the examine went home and fetched a parcel of the books, selling them for 16d. a piece. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 261.]

Nov. 10. Note by William Killigrew that Thomas Martin is a gentleman of the Privy Chamber, that he has no house in Berkshire nor 50l. lands in the county, yet is every year for malice named to be sheriff, and that his Majesty for three years past has been troubled by Martin's friends to exchange him for some other more fit. [*Ibid.* No. 262.]

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Nov. 10. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last post I acquainted you that the foul weather last week had wrecked some ships off the coast of Flanders. The *Abraham* of Dover, a small pink, came aground to the eastward of Calais at a small parish called Hewest. Our pilots from Flanders say that on the Flemish coast and at sea near those parts about 36 vessels sank, stranded and ran aground.
Capt. Cable bound for Tangier has promised great care in delivering the Earl of Inchiquin's and Mr. Bland's packets which came to me about three weeks ago. All this part of Kent are troubled with great colds and coughs, the like never known before. Moderate weather, wind S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 263.]
- Nov. 10. Dover. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. Last night I received yours by the gentleman you mentioned, to whom I performed all things requisite for his passage in the packet-boat, and he had the best accommodation she could afford him. They sailed about 2 this morning, wind S.W., a fresh gale, but supposed to be a very safe and speedy passage. Our masters of the packet-boats that arrived yesterday from Nieuport and Calais report great damage on those coasts by reason of these last storms, and that on the Flemish coasts six merchantmen are cast away, mostly English and Irish, and very few of the men saved. Also a Deal vessel was cast away near Calais, but all the men saved, her lading belonging to a merchant of this town.
We have hitherto escaped these late high tides by the favour of the winds, but our harbour is in very great danger of having the fresh water stopped up, nothing having been done for want of money all this last summer.
I received yours by the flying post, and have made diligent search after St. Germain, the Jesuit, who, I am sure, according to the description, has not passed this way. I shall use all possible endeavours for his apprehension. [*Ibid.* No. 264.]
- Nov. 10. Bristol. Thomas Cale to Williamson. A vessel from Malaga reports that the *Marigold*, a small vessel outward-bound from hence, was chased by a Saltee man-of-war and forced ashore on the coast of Spain, which they carried off. The men got ashore and saved themselves. [*Ibid.* No. 265.]
- Nov. 10. Chester. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. By a ship lately arrived from Dublin we have advice of the quiet posture of that kingdom, and trade there is likely enough to flourish. The prohibition of their cattle being imported here puts them upon inquiries after a supply of that defect in the way of commerce with other counties. [*Ibid.* No. 266.]
- Nov. 10. Warrant to John Wickham, messenger, to apprehend Robert Champ, living at the sign of the Coach and Horses, and keeping a potter's shop in St. Giles', with his wife and a little boy usually in the shop, and bring them before Williamson. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 90.*]
- Nov. 10. Whitehall. Pardon to George Newton, yeoman, for forgery, barratry and perjury, and all felonies, offences, &c., committed by him since 29 May, 1660. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Nov. 10. Warrant for a grant to Judith Moore of a pension of 150*l.* a
Whitehall. year charged on the Irish revenue to be paid to her, her executors,
administrators or assigns, until the sum of 2,000*l.* be paid to her
or them at one entire payment, the same being in lieu of a former
grant of the King's right in the mills of Kilmainham, which was
resumed on the Lord Lieutenant's information that the said mills
were situate within the King's deer park near Dublin and were
proper to be kept therewith. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 90.*]
Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 196.*]
- Nov. 10. Whereas Percy Church, deceased, by his will gave 100*l.* to the
Whitehall. English Benedictines at Paris, 50*l.* to the English nuns at Pontoise,
60*l.* to the English nuns at Paris in the suburb St. Antoine, 40*l.* to
the English nuns at Rohan, 50*l.* to the nuns at Gravelines, and 40*l.*
to the Secular College at Douai, which sums are forfeited to the
Crown by the laws of the realm; warrant for a grant of all the
said sums to William Brent and Matthew Johnson, the executors
of the said will, or to their nominees. [*Home Office, Warrant
Book 1, p. 92.*]
- Nov. 10. Proclamation offering a reward of 200*l.* for the apprehension of M.
Whitehall. St. Germain, who on a late sermon preached by M. Luzancy, *alias*
Chastelain explaining the reasons of his conversion from the Romish
to the Protestant religion, attacked him in his lodging, and compelled
him to sign a retraction of what he had published; also strictly
forbidding any violence or affront to the said M. Luzancy. [*Printed.
S.P. Dom., Proclamations 3, p. 339.*]
Draft thereof, dated the 8th, differing considerably from the
printed proclamation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, No. 245.*]
- [Nov. 10?] List of proclamations issued for the apprehension of particular
persons since 20 July, 1564, the last being the above for St.
Germain's apprehension. [*Ibid. No. 267.*]
- Nov. 10. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant to
Whitehall. Charles, Earl of Middlesex, and Thomas Felton, Groom of the
Bedchamber, of a yearly pension of 800*l.* sterling for their lives and
the life of the survivor, to commence immediately after the
expiration of the therein recited grant of the like pension to Sir
John Hanmer. (*See ante, pp. 351, 356.*) [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office,
Vol. 9, p. 384.*]
- [Before
Nov. 11.] Invitation to meet the Stewards on 11 Nov. at St. Michael's
Church, Cornhill, at 11, and after sermon to accompany them
thence to Merchant Tailors' Hall in Threadneedle Street to dinner,
giving the bearer half-a-crown, and to bring this ticket with him.
[*Printed. Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 374, Nos. 268, 269.*]
- Nov. 11. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which
fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 18.* [*Ibid.
No. 270.*]
- Nov. 11. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 372.*
[*Ibid. No. 271.*]

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Nov. 11. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats, which had
Harwich. landed passengers and mails at Lowestoft, came in yesterday.
They brought no news. The wind continues northerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 272.]
- Nov. 11. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 273.]
Portsmouth.
- Nov. 11. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Since my last two Dutch capers
Truro. arrived at Falmouth which brought in a Rochelle vessel that came
laden with fish from Canada. About the same time came in three
French vessels laden with fish from the Bank for Havre. Wind
S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 274.]
- Nov. 11. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 9th came in here three
Falmouth. French vessels from the Bank belonging to Havre. The 10th came
in here two Dutch men-of-war, the *Samaritan* and the *Brandewicke*,
both belonging to the States, with a French prize from Canada,
laden with fish and some furs. They took her about 14 days past 40
leagues westward of Ushant. It is said she belonged to Rochelle,
and that they made an indifferent year of fishing at Canada. A small
vessel from Bordeaux bound for Cork says they have made a good
vintage there this year, and that several vessels will be ready to
come away the next fair wind. [*Ibid.* No. 275.]
- Nov. 11. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* No. 276.]
- [Nov. 11.] Case of the Company of Glass-sellers in London and all others
selling glass or earthenware in any town in England or Wales in
relation to the Bill for suppressing Hawkers, Pedlers, &c. Stating
that notwithstanding previous prohibitions many persons wander
about selling glass and earthenware who are very injurious to the
glass and earthenware sellers, who from the nature of their goods
are obliged to keep large houses and pay heavy rents, and that such
persons are a sturdy incorrigible people, who generally cheat people
with bad wares, and often corrupt men's servants to steal their
masters' provisions to truck with them, and praying that a proviso
be added to the above bill to prohibit all hawkers of glass or
earthenware from going about in any city or borough in England
or Wales to sell any glass or earthenware under the penalties
inflicted by the Act on other pedlars and petty chapmen. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 373.*) [*Printed paper. Ibid.*
No. 277.]
- [Nov. 11.] Newsletter to [Sir Francis Radcliffe] containing notes of the
proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear
from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 372.* [*Admiralty, Greenwich*
Hospital 1, No. 7.]
- Nov. 12. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which
fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 19.* [*S.P. Dom.,*
Car. II. 374, No. 278.]
- Nov. 12. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day,
which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 374.*
[*Ibid.* No. 279.]

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Another copy of the proceedings in both Houses on 11 and 12 Nov. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 374, No. 280.]

Nov. 12.
London.

Sir Robert Vyner to Williamson. I had lately the examination of Mrs. White about selling that ill pamphlet, and found her, in my opinion, a poor innocent, weak creature, that to get a penny knew not what she did. She promised to stay the party that brought them, but it's like they have taken the alarm and do not appear. I request you would show her what mercy you can, supposing that you want not enough that are more considerable to make examples of. [*Ibid.* No. 281.]

Nov. 12.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Shipping news. The wind continues S.W., with very fair weather. [*Ibid.* No. 282.]

Nov. 12.
Dartmouth

William Hurt to Williamson. A small ship, said to be of London from Ostend for Bilbao, the master of Dover and most of the men English, having rode four or five days in Torbay wind-bound, was last night boarded by a small French man-of-war and carried away as prize. A gentlewoman, said to be the late Governor of Ostend's widow, with all her jewels and wealth was on board, bound for Spain. The French man-of-war went out of this harbour yesterday evening; it is supposed he had intelligence of her. The captain reports that the Dutch ship and goods taken off the strand in Torbay some time since by the French is condemned for prize in France. [*Ibid.* No. 283.]

Nov. 12.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 284.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 284¹.]

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Request that the next internal dignity in the church of Exeter be for Bernard Galard, M.A. With note that this was brought by Lord Arundel of Trecice, with a declaration that his Majesty had promised to do it. [*Ibid.* No. 285.]

Nov. 12.
Whitehall.

Carcat that no pardon pass to Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Cook for building in Spitalfields contrary to licence, without notice to Mr. Stint at his chamber between Elm Court and Fig-tree Court, in the Middle Temple. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 17.*]

Nov. 12.
Whitehall.

The King to the Bishop of Exeter. Recommending Bernard Galard for the next vacant internal dignity and canoury in that church. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 15.*]

Nov. 12.
Whitehall.

The King to the Bishop of St. Asaph. Recommending for the first donative or sinecure in his disposal Richard Lewis, who has done good and faithful service as chaplain in the Navy, and in the last war against the Dutch lost both his speech and hearing, and is thereby rendered incapable of performing his duty in that function. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 12.
Whitehall.

Warrant for inserting John Sumpter, convicted of a robbery at the summer assizes for Berks, and since respited, in the next general pardon for the Oxford Circuit without any condition of transportation. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 92.*]

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Nov. 12. Grant, on the surrender of Dr. Robert Wiseman, to Thomas
Whitehall. Exton, LL.D., of the office of Advocate-General; fee 20*l.* per annum.
Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 93.*]
- Nov. 12. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, in consideration of
Whitehall. the many faithful services to the late and present Kings of Richard
Grace of Courtstown, co. Kilkenny, for a grant of a yearly pension
of 300*l.* to him for his life and after his decease to Robert Grace,
his son, for his life, as a free gift without account, to commence from
Michaelmas last, the same to be put on the establishment of Ireland
and inserted in the civil lists thereof under the head of pensions
and annuities. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 385.*]
- Nov. 13. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which
fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 21*, and the *Ninth
Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Appendix, Part II.,
p. 43.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 1.*]
- Nov. 13. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which
fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 374.* [*Ibid. No. 2.*]
Another copy of the above proceedings in both Houses. [*Ibid.
No. 3.*]
- [Nov.?] Edward Bray and Edward Bray, his son and heir apparent, to
the King. Petition, stating that the petitioners' ancestors were the
undoubted patrons of the rectory of Sheere, Surrey, but that, one
Smyth having been presented to it by King James, the petitioner
Edward Bray, the elder, in strictness of law cannot in consequence
of this usurpation present, should a vacancy occur, till he has
recovered the right by petition of right, a very tedious and
chargeable process, and therefore praying a grant to the petitioner
Edward Bray, the younger, and his heirs of the King's right of
presentation gained by the said usurpation. *At the foot,*
Nov. 13. *Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. At the side,*
Whitehall. *His report in favour of granting the petitioners' request. 21 Nov.*
[*Ibid. No. 4.*]
Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46,
p. 61.*]
- Nov. 13. Nathaniel Williamson to Williamson. Requesting his good word
to the Lord Treasurer in the business he spoke to his Honour about,
which is a sub-searcher in the Custom House, the name of the
deceased party being Dee. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 5.*]
- Nov. 13. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No packet-boat has arrived since
Harwich. my last. Wind S.W., weather dull and heavy. [*Ibid. No. 6.*]
- Nov. 13. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 10th and 11th arrived here
Lyme. the *John, Jane, Society* and *Prosperous* of this place from Morlaix.
Soon after their arrival there about two months since the Duc de
Chaulnes came there with several troops of the King's Guards, a
regiment of Swiss and others to the number of 5 or 6,000. He
continued there near 20 days, in which execution was done on three
of the principal mutineers, two broken and strangled, the other

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hanged. They have several of them in hold, some of whom are for the galleys, others for soldiers, &c. Some few they make exemplary in the noted towns of the province. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 7.*]
- Nov. 13. Bill for things for mourning bought of John Bull, amounting to 8*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* [*Ibid. No. 8.*]
- Nov. 13. Commission to Aubrey, Earl of Oxford, and Christopher, Duke of Albemarle, to be Lord Lieutenants of Essex, with a clause vacating the former commission to the Earl of Oxford to be Lord Lieutenant of that county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 17.*]
- Nov. 13. Memorandum that the Bishop of Oxford signified his Majesty's pleasure that the first vacant prebend at Westminster was promised by him to Monsr. Bréval. [*Cancelled. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 17.*]
- Nov. 13. Richard Aldworth to William Bridgeman. Returning him the Lord Lieutenant's thoughts on his perusal of Sir William Talbot's letter. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 385, No. 197.*]
- Nov. 14. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This morning ran ashore on the Deal. Goodwin Sands a small ship. Many of our Deal boats are gone to her assistance, and hope to get her off next flood, she being now a-dry. We cannot give account of what she is till our boats return. The wind just now is come to N.N.W., so the fleet of merchantmen outward-bound, being about 50 or 60 sail, are gone to the westward. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 9.*]
- Nov. 14. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. Yesterday afternoon Lord Dover. Berkeley arrived here, and about 9 this morning went on board the yacht appointed to transport him to Calais, and sailed with a very fair breeze at N., and as fine weather as could possibly be. He was very well, his journey having not in the least discomposed him.
Our coast abounds with privateers. The Ostenders lie at our haven's mouth a week together, and their boats are every day ashore for intelligence, so that our vessels freighted with horses for Calais have been forced to unship them; nay, they threaten to carry the King's mail up to Ostend, in case the Calais packet-boats carry horses over. [*Ibid. No. 10.*]
- Nov. 14. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.W. No news. Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]
- Nov. 14. Warrant from Williamson to William Smith, messenger, after reciting that it appears by the examination of Edward Panton there is reason to suspect Col. Naper of being privy to the concealment of St. Germain, the Jesuit, to search for the said colonel and to bring him before Williamson. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 93.*]
- Nov. 15. Notes of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 23*, and *Commons Journals, Vol. IX., p. 376*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 12.*]
- Separate copies of the above notes. [*Ibid. Nos. 13, 14.*]

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Nov. 15. James Hickes to Williamson. On a second view of Mr. Benson's Saturday night, I find I was to give you a return, which was done and directed to him by my sudden view and mistake. I most humbly beg your pardon. The petition I have returned to Mr. Benson with an account of our condition here. Yet, if you move the Colonel for a letter-carrier's place, which is 8*s.* a week, I question not he may comply with your desire, though he has at present three persons expecting the like employments as they fall. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 15.]
- Nov. 15. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Giving an account of the three
Pendennis French ships from the Bank, and the two Dutch men-of-war and
Castle. their prize as in Holden's letter of the 11th, calendared *ante*, p. 399, The men-of-war went out of this, wind N.W., last Saturday, leaving their prize here. The three French Bankers are still here with some other small vessels, wind now E.N.E. [*Ibid.* No. 16.]
- Nov. 15. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Last Saturday morning the two
Falmouth. Dutch men-of-war put to sea, leaving their prize here till they return. The three French Bankers here are afraid to put to sea though the wind be fair, for they believe the Dutchman will lie cruising for them, seeing they know them to be here. Much corn is buying up in those parts for the Canaries and Holland, so that the price is raised since harvest 3*s.* on 20 gallons, and is like to be dearer, for the encouragement the merchant has of 5*s.* per quarter paid them at the Custom House very much encourages them to buy, so that the Act, which is good for the farmers, is not beneficial to the town and tradesmen. [*Ibid.* No. 17.]
- Nov. 15. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Giving the same news as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]
- Nov. 15. John Man to Williamson. The late fogs and bad weather drove
Swansea. into this road the *Providence* of Fowey laden with French wines from Bordeaux bound for Bristol, which gives an account of a very plentiful vintage there, and that the wines this year prove generally good. [*Ibid.* No. 19.]
- [Nov. 15.] List of sheriffs chosen for the year for the several counties of England, with notes by Williamson relating to those for the counties of Flint and Montgomery, differing in one or two cases from the names given in the printed list of sheriffs. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]
- [Nov. 15.] Names of three persons [as nominees for the office of sheriff] of Flintshire; Owen Barton to be excused. The same as in the endorsement of the preceding paper. [*Ibid.* No. 21.]
- Nov. 15. Commission to Christopher, Duke of Albemarle, to be Lord
Whitehall. Lieutenant of Devon (except the royal citadel, town and borough of Plymouth, with the parishes, liberties and precincts thereof), with a clause vacating the former commission to the Earl of Bath to be Lord Lieutenant of that county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 44, p. 17.]
- Nov. 15. The Duke of Monmouth to Dr. Isaac Barrow. Expressing his satisfaction at his being chosen Vice-Chancellor by the University. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 87.]

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Nov. 16.

Notes of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 24, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 377, except that in the House of Lords, the Duke of Buckingham acquainting the House with his intentions of bringing in a bill for the ease of Protestant Dissenters, leave was given him for it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 22.*]

Separate copies of the proceedings in each House. [*Ibid. Nos. 23, 24.*]

Nov. 16.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. No news except the continuance of fair weather, wind W. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]

Nov. 16.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. One packet-boat arrived on Sunday, which carried away the Saturday's mail yesterday, there being not one here till that came in. Another came in since, but neither brings any news. Wind and weather very uncertain. Two men are secured here on suspicion of renegadoes, and possibly one may be the person sought for, but I have not been abroad these several days, and leave it to the fuller account of the examinants, who will not be wanting in their endeavours to serve you. [*Ibid. No. 26.*]

Nov. 16.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. A fishing smack yesterday spied in the Downs the hinder part of a ship, and some barrels of tar, which our seamen hearing went off with several small boats and are now come ashore with about 30 barrels of tar and some boards, yet many are swimming in the Downs. 'Tis supposed by our seamen that in the storm last Sunday night she struck on the east part of the Goodwin and suddenly staved and broke to pieces. Undoubtedly all the men are drowned. We hear of another vessel lost which belonged to Dover, only the master and two men saved. Several pieces of wreck appear at sea daily. We have now heard of above 40 between England, Holland and Flanders lost at sea, stranded or run aground. Pleasant weather, wind at or near N.E. [*Ibid. No. 27.*]

Nov. 16.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. In my last I gave an account of the vessel on the Goodwin. Our Deal boats have got her off and brought her into the Downs without any damage to her. She came from Ostend and was bound to Dover to be made free. [*Ibid. No. 28.*]

Nov. 16.
Portsmouth

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.E. No news. [*Ibid. No. 29.*]

Nov. 16.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 30.*]

Nov. 16.
Whitehall.

Grant of a prebend of Westminster, vacant by the death of Dr. Boreman, to Francis Durand de Bréval, D.D., one of the King's chaplains. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 16.*]

Nov. 17.

Notes of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 25, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 378. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 31.*]

Separate copies of the above proceedings. [*Ibid. Nos. 32, 33.*]

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Nov. 17. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This morning arrived the *John's Adventure* from New England. The master tells me that the rebellion of the Indians has laid a stop to all trade, and that they are very numerous, notwithstanding they take and kill many of them, and those that they take they send away for Barbados and Nevis and Jamaica and Spain and sell them. A little before the ship came away the Indians had laid an ambuscade and cut off and killed a captain and lieutenant and 60 of the company of New England men. They very seldom appear in a body, but lie lurking in by-places behind bushes and trees, so that they cannot do that execution upon them they would, if they appeared in bodies.
Some great ships have been cast away to the northward, for this morning a great many barrels of tar have been taken that were swimming in the sea through the Downs, and it is thought the men are all drowned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 94.*]
- Nov. 17. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. The tar that I told you about last post came out of an English vessel that grounded towards the north part of the Goodwin. Two of her men were found in her, both having hold of some part of her for fear of being beaten off with the great waves. In her bottom is iron which our men are now fetching. [*Ibid. No. 95.*]
- Nov. 17. 4 p.m. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last night arrived here a person of quality who this morning went for London. He came incognito, so to-day's letter spoke not of his arrival. Now I understand him to be Lord Douglas from France. Little wind at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 96.*]
- Nov. '17. Coloured diagrams of two appearances of parhelia and haloes seen that day from 10 a.m. till noon and from noon till 2 p.m. [at Bordeaux]. [*French. Ibid. No. 97.*]
- [Nov. 17?] Bill for prevention of frauds and perjuries and Bill for explaining and supplying defaults in an Act for preventing frequent abuses in printing seditious, treasonable and unlicensed books and pamphlets and for regulating printing and printing presses. (*See Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 20, Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 378.*) [39 pages. *Ibid. No. 98.*]
- Nov. 17. Memorandum that Dr. Allestree, Provost of Eton, signified the King's pleasure that the first vacant prebend in Westminster should be granted to Mr. Moreton at the Earl of Oxford's request. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 17.*]
- Nov. 18. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 27*, except that the hearing of Sir N. Stoughton's appeal is appointed for that day 3 weeks instead of the 30th as given in the *Journals*. [*Two copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, Nos. 99, 40.*]
- Nov. 18. Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 379*. [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 41, 42.*]

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Nov. 18.
Brompton

Information of Jeremiah Bromley, Collector of the Customs, Scarborough. 9 Oct. last in the house of William Lawson of Scarborough he heard John Wyvill of Osgodby say that the King was a whoremaster and minded his whores and neglected the concerns of the kingdom. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 43.*]

Nov. 18.
Scarborough.

Certificate by the bailiffs and magistrates of Scarborough at the desire of John Wyvell of Osgodby that Roger, his father, was a very loyal and faithful subject to his late Majesty and was in the Commission of the Peace for the North Riding, and was in arms under his Majesty's command in the late civil wars, and that his eldest son, William, was cupbearer to his present Majesty then Prince of Wales, and bore arms himself under his Majesty's command, and that the said John himself was in actual service for his late Majesty in the late unhappy wars, and that the whole family were very great sufferers for his late Majesty, and that the said John is the only one remaining of them, and that he has always carried himself before them (and has the same report of his neighbours) as a very loyal subject. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

Nov. 18.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news. Wind N. and the weather dull and heavy. [*Ibid. No. 45.*]

Nov. 18.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. In my last I gave you an account of the tar taken up in the Downs. It is since found the ship came from the eastward, and was laden with pitch, tar, iron, and flax. She was lost on the Goodwin and was an Englishman. All the men are lost. Last night came into the Downs the *Richmond* yacht, which brought Lord Douglas and his company. They are all landed and gone for London and the yacht is gone for the river. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]

Nov. 18.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. No news. [*Ibid. No. 47.*]

Nov. 18.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S.W. [*Ibid. No. 48.*]

Nov. 18.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Sir Thomas Fanshaw during pleasure of the office of Keeper of Game within 10 miles of London and Westminster. [*Precedents 1, f. 118.*]

Nov. 18.
Whitehall.

Warrant, after reciting that Charles Leae had stated by his petition that his father and his whole family had faithfully served the late King, his uncle having been slain and his father much maimed in his service, and their whole estate sold to raise forces and answer debts contracted in the royal cause, and that the said Leae himself disbursed his wife's portion in Sir John Booth's attempt, whereby he is reduced to great want, and prayed a gift of an arrear of a fee farm rent in Lincolnshire, and that the Lord Treasurer had reported on the reference of the petition that the gratuity desired is an arrear due to the Crown for a rent reserved on a grant of Sutton Marsh, Lincolnshire, by the late King from several persons, viz., 150*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* from Lady Dacres, 78*l.* 9*s.* 8½*d.* from Francis Wrenham, and 168*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* from Philip Leman, amounting in all to 398*l.* 3*s.* (*sic*) ; for a grant of the said three sums to the said Charles Leae as a free gift without account. [2½ pages. *Precedents 1, f. 121.*]

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Nov. 19. Notes of the proceedings in both Houses that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 29, and *Commons' Journals*, Vol. IX., p. 380, except that in the former is omitted that in the order made the previous day in Sir N. Stoughton's case the day was altered to Monday sennight. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 975, No. 49.]
- Separate copies of the proceedings in both Houses. [*Ibid.* Nos. 50, 51.]
- Nov. 19. John Field to William Bridgeman. At Secretary Coventry's
Whitehall. desire requesting that a *caveat* be entered in his office that no reversion pass of the Keepership of the King's Libraries without notice to him. [*Ibid.* No. 52.]
- Nov. 19. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news except the change from
Stockton. fair weather to rain and this morning to frost and some snow. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 53.]
- Nov. 19. Edmund Thaxter and Thomas Bradford, bailiffs of Yarmouth, to
Yarmouth. Williamson. Yesterday we caused yours to be read at our public assembly, where, *nem. con.* Mr. Thomas Watson's freedom was granted him *gratis* as you desired. [*Ibid.* No. 54.]
- Nov. 19. Richard Bower to Williamson. Informing him of Mr. Watson's
Yarmouth. having been granted his freedom.—I have of late been very ill supplied with your letters of intelligence and *Gazettes*. If there be any fear of a breach, favour me with a line to give me notice of it, for I have now ready to go out of this port 500*l.* on my own adventure, which, if there be any fears of a breach, I would insure. Here is a rumour of a Dartmouth man being taken by a Sallee man-of-war and carried into Argier, where the ship and goods are made prize and the men slaves, and that the Consul of Argier has given notice that they are like to break with us. [*Ibid.* No. 55.]
- Nov. 19. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. Only this day a ship of Rochester built 18 months ago, bound in ballast for Rochelle, struck on the Eddystone. The master and all the men are come safe ashore in their boat, but it is supposed the ship is sunk. [*Ibid.* No. 56.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 56 i.]
- Nov. 19. Warrant for a dispensation to James Rossington to accept and
Whitehall. hold the rectory of Lezant, Cornwall, with that of Up Ottery, Devon, which he now holds. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 27, f. 78.]
- Nov. 19. The King to ———. As he has ordered 5 out of the 7 Fellows
Whitehall. of Eton College to be chosen from the Fellows of King's College, Cambridge, recommending Richard Martin, M.A., Fellow of King's College, as a person deserving of a fellowship, to which his good performances at Eton School, wherein he has officiated several years, entitle him to be chosen to the next fellowship vacant after those to which Mr. Godolphin and Mr. Upman are already recommended. [*Ibid.*]
- Nov. 19. Commission to Thomas Chilton to be ensign to the Duke of
Whitehall. York's company of foot under Captain George Bridges at Portsmouth. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 29, p. 140.]

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Nov. 19. *Caveat* that no grant pass of Keeper of the King's Library in reversion without notice to Secretary Coventry. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 18.*]
- Nov. 19. *Caveat* that no pardon pass to — Earle, of Kingston-on-Thames, convicted of several robberies and felonies, till notice be given to Sir Winston Churchill. [*Ibid.*]
- Nov. 19. Warrant for a patent for 14 years to James Ward for his invention of an engine for pumping water, and of several other water works for draining grounds and raising water to a great height. [*Precedents 1, f. 122.*]
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- Friday.
Nov. 19. Francis Sarsfield to Williamson. The Duke of Monmouth is ready to concur with Secretary Williamson in order to signify his Majesty's pleasure to Lord Essex in favour of Sarsfield, servant to his Grace. His Grace has promised also to get the King to speak to him at Council, if it can be conveniently done, which Secretary Williamson is desired to contrive. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 385, No. 198.*]
- [Nov. ?] Dorothy, relict of Thomas Chiffinch, late Keeper of the Closet, deceased, to the King. Petition, stating that her late husband by warrant under the signet and sign-manual of 10 Nov., 1665, received of Lord Ashley, then treasurer of the proceeds of the sale of prizes, 3,252*l.* to be employed according to his Majesty's directions for his service, and, it not appearing for what service the said money was employed, it was set *insuper* on the petitioner's husband, whereon process has been lately issued out of the Court of Exchequer against his executors or administrator, and the petitioner is like to be troubled to give an account thereof, and further stating that she is informed that several other sums are certified by the late Sir Robert Long to be paid to her said husband on account, whereas they were paid him to supply the Privy Purse, which, she is informed, renders no account but to the King, and 1,892*l.* was delivered to her said husband to be paid to Monsr. Feurier, a French merchant, by his Majesty's command, and 1,000*l.* more was delivered him for defraying the charges of the works at Hampton Court, of all which after so long time she is not able to render any particular account, but she believes his Majesty was acquainted with the expenditure thereof, and therefore praying a Privy Seal to discharge her from the said moneys, and from rendering any further account for the same, and for superseding the process already issued and for stopping any further process to be issued out against her for the said moneys. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 57.*]
- Nov. 20. His Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the petitioner's late husband's great faithfulness in his long attendance on him, and recalling that the above mentioned sums were laid out according to his particular directions, is pleased that the petitioner be discharged from the said sums and from rendering any further account of the same, and that the petition be transmitted to the Lord Treasurer to give order that a Privy Seal be passed, discharging her accordingly. Prefixed is a copy of the above petition, in which after "at Hampton
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Court" is added "besides 1,000*l.* on a Privy Seal of 4 Nov., 1661, and 200*l.* by Privy Seal of 30 March, 1663." [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 63.*]

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The Duke of Albemarle to the King. Petition, stating that in the grant dated 23 Aug., 1664, of the site of Clarendon House, the site was described by mistake as lying in the parish of St. James' in the Fields instead of St. Martin's in the Fields, and that the petitioner has since purchased Clarendon House, and because of the above mistake in the description praying a grant and confirmation of the premises. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 58.*]

Nov. 20.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the above petition that he may give order for passing a grant as desired and for rectifying the mistake in the said former grant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 65.*]

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Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 32.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 59.*]

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Copy of the protest of the Lords against the vote for no address for dissolving the Parliament. (Printed in *Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII., p. 33.*) [*Ibid. No. 60.*]

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Notes of the proceedings in the House of Commons that day, which fully appear from *Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 381.* [*Two copies. Ibid. Nos. 61, 62.*]

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Notes taken in shorthand of the Earl of Shaftesbury's speech on the debate of appointing a day for hearing Dr. Shirley's cause. (Printed in Christie, *Life of Lord Shaftesbury, Appendix, p. lxxxiv.*) [*Ibid. No. 63.*]

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Dr. Lancelot Addison to Williamson. I found Dr. Tully at Grittleton in a very weak condition, yet seeming so desirous of life that I durst not propound anything that might suggest the likely nearness of his end. He said he would request that his month might be assigned to me, as hopeless to wait any more himself, but, if his letter should be of any significancy, I conceive he will scarce be able to write and therefore I solely depend on you in that affair. As to Ripon, though I dare scarce mention it, I have ventured humbly to request you to move the King therein while Dr. Tully is alive, and before any may perhaps have made suit for it. The doctor told me it might be worth 100*l. per annum* and better to one that would reside there for some part of the year. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arrived on Thursday night which brought several passengers, but neither deserting soldiers or news that I could hear of. I beg pardon for that lame account I gave last Tuesday, not knowing whom your express to Capt. Langley concerned till last night. My own illness, as well as his absence, I hope will procure some mitigation of my offence. On Sunday night two young men were hindered from passing over for Holland by a letter from Mr. Cole, a merchant in

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Bartholomew Lane, London, which I imagined might have been the aim of your express, but as yet we hear nothing of Monsr. St. Germain. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 65.*]
- Nov. 20.
Chester. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Last Thursday the Earl of Donegal, Lord Taaffe, Mr. Justin Macartie and Capt. Chichester arrived here and went yesterday towards Holyhead in order to their transportation for Dublin. Lord Clare is also at Neston, waiting for a wind for Ireland. [*Ibid. No. 66.*]
- Nov. 20.
Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of George Penne of Dorsetshire praying a licence to hold a fair from 8 to 14 May inclusive in Tollar Wilme Downs in the said county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 66.*]
- Nov. 20.
Grant to Sir Thomas Samuel, of — in Northamptonshire, of a baronetcy. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 93.*]
- Nov. 20.
Whitehall. Warrant in the usual form to the Earl of Pembroke to preserve the game in Wiltshire. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 97.*]
- Nov. 20.
Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to George Harris of the offices of Secretary of Jamaica, &c. (calendared in *S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1675-1676, p. 302). [*Precedents 1, f. 120.*]
- Nov. 21.
Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Since about 4 yesterday morning it has blown a storm at E.N.E. There are not above 6 ships in the Downs, which have suffered no damage, but at the mouth of the Sandwich river, about five miles northward of this, a small vessel for Bordeaux ran aground yesterday and is not yet got off. Some say, if she comes not off next tide, she will be lost. The winds and seas are somewhat abated.
Postscript, 3 p.m.—It blows very hard at N.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 67.*]
- Nov. 21.
Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day passed by the back of the Goodwin Sands about 100 great ships, but what they are we know not. In the morning a ketch of Margate going into Sandwich haven ran ashore, and lay dry for one tide, but is now got off. [*Ibid. No. 68.*]
- Nov. 21.
Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. Several ships with wines from Bordeaux for London and other ports are stopped at Spithead and Stokes Bay. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]
- Nov. 22.
Notes of the proceedings in the House of Lords that day, which fully appear from *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 34. [*Ibid. No. 70.*]
- Nov. 22.
Bridlington. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Ten light ships are now at anchor in this bay, one of which is a flyboat of this town which has been wanting these two months, and was concluded to be lost, not having been heard of since. With much ado she arrived in Holland, though very leaky, and they were forced to cast overboard a great many of her coals. The master brought over three English women, which were saved out of a vessel of London bound for Newcastle. The vessel was stranded at sea, only these three women were put into a boat with an old man and a boy, and were four days at sea before

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they got the land near Harling. One of the women had a young child, which died when they came within sight of land, and they left two children on board, one being alive, but they were forced to leave it. The rest of the company got into a caper which took them on board. The old man and the boy they left in Holland, being so starved that they were not in a condition to come away, for the boy's toes were so perished that they saw them cut off before they went away. These passengers were at London to be touched for the evil by his Majesty, and were returning home. Here is and has been very violent weather, the wind being now N.N.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 71.*]

Nov. 22. Hugh Acland to Williamson. We have a universal cold in town
Truro. and country, but I suppose that is no strange thing at this season, the wind being all northerly. [*Ibid. No. 72.*]

Nov. 22. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Thursday last, the wind being
Pendennis. N., about 30 sail went out of this port, most bound for France. Several sail are since come in from France, some laden with wines, two or three with nuts. A merchant I met this morning informs me he saw 7,000 soldiers march into Bordeaux before he came from thence on the 14th, and 4,000 more were expected. They marched in with their swords drawn, the point to the ground. They intend to demolish a great part of the town lying nearest the castle, and have seized on all the arms of the town. Saturday came in one from Lisbon laden with sugars and Brazil tobacco for Havre, and one from Portaport belonging to Plymouth laden with sugars and fruit. The French vessels from Newfoundland with fish and the French prize brought in by a Dutch man-of-war continue here still. Wind E.N.E. [*Ibid. No. 73.*]

Nov. 22. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 19th came in here several
Falmouth. which left Bordeaux the 13th. They report that 5 days before they came out about 1,200 men came in, horse and foot, all armed, and their swords drawn, unknown to the inhabitants before they were within 8 miles of the city, for, if they had had timely notice, they would have withstood them. They have pulled down the city wall, and say they will pull down every 20th house. They quarter 15 or 16 in a merchant's house, and he must maintain them and give them moneys besides. They put a great obstruction to trade, merchants not knowing what to do, three or four hundred ships lying there, some part laden, others having no goods on board, and the merchants know not whether it be best to put any on board. What will further come of it is not known, but it is much feared it will be worse, more forces coming in daily. [*Ibid. No. 74.*]

Nov. 22. "An Act for the better and more easy rebuilding the Town of
Northampton" (printed in *Statutes of the Realm, Vol. V., p. 798*) and two private Acts passed that day. [*Printed. Ibid. No. 75.*]

Nov. 22. Licence to Peter Blake, High Sheriff of Hampshire, to live out
Whitehall. of that county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 17.*]

Nov. 22. Commission to John, Earl of Bath, to be Lord Lieutenant of the
Whitehall. town and borough of Plymouth, with the parishes, liberties and precincts thereof. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 18.*]

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Nov. 22. Warrant for a grant to Henry Killigrew of letters of administration of the estate of Hugh Willoughby *alias* Revell, of the City of London, a bastard, deceased intestate, which escheated to the Crown, and was granted 4 Oct. last to the said Killigrew. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 94.*]
Whitehall.
Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 76.*]
- Nov. 22. Grant in reversion after Hugh May to Thomas May of the office of clerk of the recognizances to be taken before the Chief Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, and of clerk for making and enrolling the same. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 95.*]
Whitehall.
- Nov. 22. Patent for 14 years to James Ward, of Langley, of an engine for pumping water, which by the strength of one man shall pump two tons of water a minute. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
Whitehall.
- Nov. 22. Warrant for swearing Robert Sayers to be a corporal of the Yeomen of the Guard in reversion, to be admitted on the first vacancy among the present four corporals. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
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- Nov. 23. Dr. Timothy Halton to Williamson. I have inquired concerning Pearson, who was recommended by the trustees of Dovenby School to be one of your exhibitors. There is a place vacant, if you please to bestow it on him. Dr. Tully continues in the country and is not able to travel to Oxford. I think there is small hope of his recovery. You bid me mind you of my brother William, and you would procure some benefice for him. A living some 14 miles from Oxford called Swerford is at present vacant. It is in the Bishop of Chichester's gift, and is worth 120*l. per annum*. If you think fit to concern yourself about it, it will be a very great kindness to me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 77.*]
Queen's College.
- Nov. 23. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats made a short passage from the Brill hither last Sunday night, but brought no news. The wind was at N.E. To-day it is N.W. with a hard frost. [*Ibid. No. 78.*]
Harwich.
- Nov. 23. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day several outward-bound merchant ships and the Navy yacht for France with the wind N.E. passed through the Downs. I have not had any newsletter from your office above these three weeks. [*Ibid. No. 79.*]
Deal.
- Nov. 23. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.N.W. Some Bordeaux ships bound for London that put in here with the easterly winds went to sea last Sunday, and since, meeting with contrary winds, came back to Spithead. [*Ibid. No. 80.*]
Portsmouth.
- Nov. 23. William Hurt to Williamson. Last Friday happened another odd passage of the French in Salcombe Road. An Ostend caper, having taken a French vessel laden with salt, and sending her home for Ostend, the wind being contrary, brought her into Salcombe Road, where a small French man-of-war was riding, which makes no more ado but claps the prize on board and carries her away. [*Ibid. No. 81.*]
Dartmouth.

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Nov. 23. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. The master of a ship arrived to-day from Rotterdam reports there was a Dutch man-of-war at the Texel, who on that coast met three English merchantmen, and made them strike to him, they being bound for Rotterdam. When they came in, the masters complained. On this the captain was secured and sent prisoner to the Hague. It was reported at Rotterdam he would be executed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 82.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 821.*]
- Nov. 23. Licences to Robert Knightly, High Sheriff of Surrey, and to Sir
Whitehall. Edmund Jennings, High Sheriff of Yorkshire, to live out of their respective counties. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, pp. 17, 18.*]
- Nov. 23. Sir J. Williamson to Mr. Welsh, Mr. Bastinck and Mr. Langley.
Whitehall. His Majesty having received information that two young ladies, daughters of Sir [John] Warner of Suffolk, who some years since changed his religion and made himself a Jesuit, are like to be transported beyond the seas, in order to their being put into nunneries, in the interim, till he may have taken the order necessary according to law for preventing their transportation, I am commanded to signify his pleasure that you have a strict eye what persons shall endeavour to embark in that port for any part beyond the seas, and make stay of such as you shall have cause to suspect on this occasion, and, having carried them before the Mayor of that town or some other Justice, secure them, till they be able to give a good account of themselves, and certify the same to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 62.*]
Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 83.*]
- Nov. 23. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester. Recom-
Whitehall. mending Thomas Cobb for the place of auditor of that church, vacant by the death of Edward Traffell, and dispensing with a clause in their statutes which provided that the places of Chapter Clerk and Auditor are to be in one person. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 16.*]
- Nov. 23. Newsletter to [Sir Francis Radcliffe]. The last post we hinted
London. some votes of the House of Commons in opposition to Dr. Shirley's petition for an appeal to the House of Lords. They declared the same to be illegal. The Lords that very day passed a vote that the proceedings of the House of Commons were scandalous, unjust and tending to the destruction of the Government, and on further debate, their Lordships finding no probable way of reconciliation, it was proposed by some to make an address to the King to have this Parliament dissolved, at which many Lords were startled, both spiritual and temporal. Lord Mohun began the business, Lord Shaftesbury seconded it. The debate held 5 hours, and about 9 at night the question was put whether the House should make an address to the King to dissolve this Parliament. The House was equally divided, 48 in the affirmative and 48 in the negative, but the Earl of Ailesbury coming in late and being demanded his opinion, being ignorant of the debate and having a proxy, declared for himself and proxy Not Content, that is to say, not to have this Parliament

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dissolved. Next day, being Sunday, in the evening the King and Council met, and, it being apprehended that, seeing the vote was so near equal, there was a great sense in the Lords to a dissolution and likewise in the Commons, though that question was never put there, and taking in other interests upon the Romish and English account conducing to that end or what the private reasons were we cannot tell, but the consequence of the debate was that the King should prorogue this Parliament to 15 Feb., 1676[-7]. The King made no speech, but the Lord Keeper declared the King's pleasure to prorogue this Parliament to that time. Three bills were presented for the Royal assent (particulars of which appear by *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XIII., p. 34), but the bill read and committed in the House of Commons to appropriate the Customs for the future to the use of the Navy and several other public Acts almost ready to come up to the Lords could not pass, because they were not finished, so the tax of 300,000*l.* is not enacted to be laid upon the nation.

Great notice was taken by the House of Commons, when they went up to the House of Lords and heard the prorogation, that Lord Lauderdale, concerning whom they formerly made an address to the King that he might not be so near his person, had the honour to carry the sword that day before the King. The members, both Lords and Commons, hasten out of town. [*Admiralty, Greenwich Hospital 1, No. 8.*]

Nov. 23. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. Yesterday came in here the
Kinsale. *Willing Mind, Nightingale*, and *Consent*, all of By-the-ford (Bideford), from Sanse bastens (St. Sebastian), which carried fish from Newfoundland there. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 199.*]

Nov. 23. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the
Whitehall. petition of Folliott, Viscount Powerscourt, and the references thereof to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Treasurer and their reports thereon, all calendared *ante*, p. 334, for causing letters patent to be passed to the said Viscount and his heirs or his nominees of so many lands and hereditaments in Ireland as were forfeited to or vested in the Crown by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, as shall be tendered by him or them from time to time, not exceeding 5,000 acres plantation measure, at such yearly rents as Adventurers or Soldiers are by the said Acts to pay in the several provinces, and for admitting the said Viscount to place deficiencies of any interests satisfiable by the said Acts on any lands and hereditaments forfeited to or vested in the Crown by the said Acts, and also for causing inquisitions to be taken for finding the title of the Crown to any lands and hereditaments to be passed to the said Viscount by virtue of these letters and for ascertaining the quantity thereof. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 400.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 200.*]

Nov. 24. Order in Council, that the principal Secretaries of State cause
Whitehall. directions to be given to the officers at the several ports to take especial care that, without his Majesty's special licence, they permit not Catherine and Susanna, the daughters of Sir John Warner, to

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pass beyond the seas, who, having been bred up in a monastery beyond the seas, are now come to England, there being intentions of carrying them back to get them to profess themselves nuns, and that, if they attempt the same, the officers do forthwith cause them to be secured, and give immediate notice thereof to a principal Secretary of State. With memorandum that Mr. Secretary had written before by the King's particular direction. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 84.]

Nov. 24.
Wallingford
House.

Charles Bertie to William Bridgeman. Requesting the loan of the charter of the Hamburg Company, if Mr. Secretary can spare it. [*Ibid.* No. 85.]

Nov. 24.
Rydal.

Daniel Fleming to Williamson. A good while ago I gave you an intimation of a difference among some of the justices of this county about removing the Quarter Sessions from Kendal. Divers justices here and I are desirous that the Quarter Sessions be kept both at Appleby and Kendal, as they have been, according to the confession of the gentlemen who are for the alteration, for near 70 years, but we believe for much longer. It will be easy to demonstrate that an alteration will be much to his Majesty's prejudice, and not a little to the trouble, charge and dissatisfaction of the county, especially of the barony of Kendal, most of whom are the King's tenants. I hope it will be no offence for us to desire to serve our sovereign and our country in the same good old way our predecessors have done formerly. For obviating any partial information that may be made to you I have given Sir George Fletcher copies of all the letters that have passed amongst us, which will truly acquaint you with the reasons of this difference. He will communicate them to you, as also will Sir John Otway, who has acted with us. [*Ibid.* No. 86.]

Nov. 24.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. We do not understand of any shipwreck this last storm. We have had now three or four days of good weather. The wind is now come to the west, which will bring in the ships expected these 14 days. [*Ibid.* No. 87.]

Nov. 24.
Chester.

Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Yours for Lord O'Brien is come to my hands, which will be carefully delivered him on his arrival. [*Ibid.* No. 88.]

Nov. 24.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, to grant a dispensation to Robert Fish, M.A., to accept and hold the rectory of Cotes Magna, with that of Bytham Parva, which he now holds, both co. Lincoln. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 79.*]

Nov. 24.

Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Lodowick Bray, desiring a commission of review in a cause between him and Henry Skipwith. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 66.*]

Nov. 24.
Whitehall.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Renewing the recommendation by his letter of 2 June last of John Ceely, M.A., a prebendary of that church, for the canonry residentiary next vacant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 17.*]

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Grant to Edward Bray, junior, in fee-simple of the advowson of the rectory of Sheere, Surrey. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Proclamation. In accordance with the Act of 15 Car. II. c. 7, entitled an Act for the Encouragement of Trade, prohibiting the importation of any commodities of the growth, production or manufacture of Europe into any of his Majesty's plantations in Asia, Africa or America (Tangier only excepted), but what shall be shipped and carried directly thither from England, Wales or Berwick, with the exceptions therein mentioned, as notwithstanding the said Act great quantities of such commodities not shipped as aforesaid have been and are imported into several of the said plantations, and likewise putting in execution the Navigation Act (12 Car. II. c. 18), the Act for regulating the Plantation Trade (22 and 23 Car. II. c. 26), and the Act for better securing the Plantation Trade (25 Car. II. c. 7), and all other laws relating to the trade of the plantations. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Proclamations* 3, p. 340.]

Draft thereof, noted as read in Council 24 Nov., and approved. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 89.*]

Nov. 25.

Sir Thomas Lynch to Williamson. I have been kept in bed and the house these 12 days by a fit of gout, so could not wait on you in the affair the Duke spoke to you of, but hope to be able to go in a day or two. But I durst not so long defer my petition on behalf of the bearer, my friend and kinsman Mr. Payne, a sober ingenious divine, as Dr. Stillingfleet and my Lord of Canterbury will testify. He would beg to have the living of Southweald by Burntwood, vacant by Parson Alford's death, which is in the Bishop of London's gift, but at present in his Majesty's by the vacancy of that see. [*Ibid. No. 90.*]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The winds have been westerly since my last, which this morning sent us such a tide as frightened the whole town and did us some considerable damage. [*Ibid. No. 91.*]

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Harwich.

Thomas Langley to Williamson. Assuring him that in obedience to his letter of the 23rd he would take all possible care to stop any such persons as he mentions, should they offer to take passage from that port.—Col. Whitley lately told me that your orders ought to come to him, and so to me, or at least that I should advise him of all your orders that came to me, but I told him, if it were anything concerning the profits of his boats I would, else I prayed his pardon. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]

Nov. 25.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This forenoon came in four Dutch East India ships outward-bound. They had been beating up the Channel, but, the wind being very contrary, anchored about 10 this forenoon. About 100 Dutch vessels went into the Cowes, but these chose rather to come into the Downs. They were forced out last Friday by that East India Company for fear of being frozen up. One of these East India ships is said to be 1,200 tons, and she is Vice-Admiral. The Admiral is near 1,000, the other two not above 6 or 700. Another flyboat is since come in bound for East India, and about 20 sail are at the back of the Goodwin plying westward. This forenoon a Council of War was held on board the Dutch

1675. Admiral, and 'tis reported they sent an advice vessel to Holland desiring them to send the men that were bound with them, and left behind by reason of their coming out. A topsail gale due west. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 93.]
- Nov. 25. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Concerning the East India ships mentioned in the last. [*Ibid.* No. 94.]
- Nov. 25. Dover. Francis Bastinck to Williamson. I shall use all endeavours to stay the two young ladies mentioned in yours of the 23rd, if they attempt to pass this way. We expect this evening our packet-boats from Nieuport and Calais, the wind, which has been some time contrary and blown very hard at N.W., being now abated. [*Ibid.* No. 95.]
- Nov. 25. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. The Bordeaux ships are since sailed to London and other northern ports. [*Ibid.* No. 96.]
- Nov. 25. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Yesterday put to sea several vessels from France and elsewhere homeward-bound, as also the three French Bankers, with a fresh wind at N.W. It is said that at Bordeaux the King's forces have pulled down a whole street that hindered the citadel from commanding the city. The inhabitants, in spite of the soldiers, keep their arms. They say that by reason of a frost they had much of their grapes are decayed, and the wine not so strong or good as formerly. [*Ibid.* No. 97.]
- Nov. 25. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. A vessel bound for Ireland to load pilchards was by contrary winds put into Tenby, but without damage, and sailed thence last week. [*Ibid.* No. 98.]
- Nov. 25. Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to the Bayliffs of Yarmouth. Requesting them to return his thanks to the Corporation for granting Mr. Watson his freedom. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 63.]
- Nov. 25. Privy Seal for payment to Sir Leoline Jenkins, Ambassador Extraordinary for the treaty to be held at Nimeguen, of 1,500*l.* for his equipage, of 100*l.* per week for his entertainment and allowance, and of such sums for intelligence, &c., as shall be allowed by a Secretary of State. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 96.]
- [Nov. ?] Christopher Barker to the King. Petition, stating former letters of his Majesty dated 24 March, 166[8-]9, granted with the consent of the Lord Chamberlain, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, recommending him for the Esquire Bedell's place next vacant, the petitioner being every way qualified, and no statute of the University opposing his election, but that he has been hitherto deprived by a party in the University of the favour intended him, and therefore praying letters mandatory or that his Majesty will signify his pleasure some other way that his former letters be immediately obeyed, one of the said Bedells being now ready to die, and the party there endeavouring to precipitate an election in order to deprive the petitioner of his Majesty's favour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 99.]
- Nov. 25. Whitehall. Consent by the Duke of Monmouth that his Majesty's letter to the University of Cambridge on behalf of Mr. Barker be renewed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 37.]

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Nov. 26. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Fair frosty weather,
Stockton. wind westerly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 100.*]
- Nov. 26. Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning arrived several
Deal. vessels from Bordeaux. They report that the 15th and 16th instant
came into that town 7,000 foot and 5,000 horse, who are there on
free quarter, and that labouring men as porters, &c., have two or
three to quarter on them, who are maintained with provisions by
the master of the house. The soldiers frequently break out the head
of a cask and drink out the wine. All their stables being taken up,
they force the merchants to make their storehouses stables. They
have so employed the boats to fetch over the men and horses that
masters cannot get their wine on board. 900 sail were then there to
load wine, the major part are since gone, some loaded, some half
loaded, and some light. This deserved punishment is to requite
them for their large assistance to the British rebels. Not a topsail
gale at W. and by S. [*Ibid. No. 101.*]
- Nov. 26. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth Here is a report that a ship lately arrived at Dartmouth declares
that a ship of that place was lately taken by the Turks and carried
into Argier, where the ship and goods were made prize and the men
sold for slaves. [*Ibid. No. 102.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 102 r.*]
- Nov. 26. Licence to Sir Matthew Andrews, High Sheriff of Wiltshire, to
Whitehall. live out of that county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 17.*]
- Nov. 26. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. On the petition
Whitehall. of Col. William Helyar, in consideration of his services to the late
King and himself, recommending them to renew his lease of a farm
called Berry, in the parish of Branscombe, Devonshire, which he
has much improved at his own charges, for three lives on such
reasonable fine and terms as they can agree with him. [*S.P. Dom.*
Entry Book 47, p. 18.]
- Nov. 26. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting a
Whitehall. grant to William Legg, late Groom of the Bedchamber, of several
lands and hereditaments in cos. Louth, Roscommon and Galway sub-
ject to yearly quit-rents of 92*l.* 14*s.*, and that the said William Legg,
since deceased, and George his son, have been eminently loyal and
serviceable to the Crown, and that the said George Legg has
besought that the said quit-rent might be released, a liberty having
been reserved in the treaty for farming the Irish revenue of releasing
1,000*l.* a year quit-rents without allowing to the farmers any
defalcations or abatements for the same, and a reference to the
Lord Lieutenant and his report in favour of the petitioner, with
which report the Lord Treasurer of England fully agrees; for a
release and discharge to the said George Legg of all the said quit-
rents except 4*l.* 10*s.* a year, which is to be reserved out of the lands
so granted to the said George (*sic*) Legg, the same to be payable
out of the said lands by such proportions as the said George Legg
shall desire, otherwise to be payable out of the whole lands, with a
proviso that the said quit-rent and the arrears thereof be paid till
Christmas next. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 387.*]

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John Platt to the King. Petition, showing that the petitioner has a just cause of appeal from a decree made in the Court of Chancery, 5 June last, in a cause there against him and others at the suit of St. John's College, Cambridge, whereby the petitioner's estate in certain messuages and hereditaments in the parish of St. Sepulchre, Middlesex, and elsewhere is decreed to be held and enjoyed by the college against the petitioner as to any title he has under William Platt, who devised the premises to the college, or the said William Platt's heir at law, and that the petitioner and all claiming under him shall on any trial at law or otherwise admit the said William Platt's will to be good and a good devise to the college of all his estate and interest in the premises, notwithstanding that the said devise is void, and that the petitioner has a good estate in law and equity under the said William Platt; and that the said plaintiffs in Chancery brought also an ejectment in the Court of Common Pleas for recovery of the said estate, on which a trial at bar was held this term, and thereupon the plaintiffs were nonsuited, for the petitioner was advised not to admit the said devise to be a good one according to the said decree, the same being wholly void at law, whereupon since the said trial the said college has obtained an order in the Court of Chancery that a writ of assistance should issue to the Sheriff of Middlesex to put them in possession of the said premises, and for an injunction to stay the petitioner's proceedings at law for recovery of his costs on the said nonsuit, and that an attachment should issue against the petitioner for contempt of the said decree, unless the petitioner show cause to the contrary next Thursday, which, so long as the decree stands in force and unappealed from, the petitioner cannot possibly defend; and that by reason of the differences betwixt the two Houses of Parliament touching the right of judicature in appeals from Courts of Equity the petitioner was advised to respite his appeal, but, the Parliament being prorogued, he humbly appeals to his Majesty as the fountain of justice for the reversing of the said decree and that commissions may issue for hearing and determining the petitioner's appeal, and that in the interim all proceedings in the Court of Chancery be stayed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 103.*]

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Beaudesort.

Sir Brian Broughton to Williamson. I present my thanks to you for keeping off his Majesty's *mandamus*, though his letter did it for one. The manner of the election at All Souls' for the other was thus. The first day it stood for one place. The fellows were so divided that my son had but 12 votes, the whole number of fellows being 27. The Warden's wife's kinsman had 3 votes of the fellows, which was more than any one of the other had. The next day my son had 15, so the other could have but 12 besides the Warden and his wife, but notwithstanding the other had the fellowship given him by the Warden.

Col. Danvers has been preaching to his party in this country at all their meetings and went throughout the kingdom, as I am informed, on foot. 'Tis strange a person of his quality and estate shall come 100 miles on that account. All the factious parties are very stirring at present, more than of late. [*Ibid. No. 104.*]

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- Nov. 27. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind of late has been mostly
Harwich. westerly, now it is W.S.W. It has been very high, so that it has
not only forced several ships into this port for shelter, and among
them yesterday the *Merlin* yacht, but has also hindered our packet-
boats arriving here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 105.]
- Nov. 27. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Last Thursday night arrived
Weymouth. here a small vessel of our town that left Bordeaux last Wednesday
sennight. The master says that three days before his coming
thence a great many soldiers came into Bordeaux, of which near
10,000 were horse and dragoons, and were quartered on the
inhabitants at their cost to their regret, and besides that all the
arms of the inhabitants were taken from them, one parish after
another, but the names of the owners were put on each arms. No
person had been then seized or imprisoned. Several vessels have
in this fortnight arrived here from that and other places in France
and elsewhere, but brought no news worth writing. I suppose from
Lyme, that being a great deal nearer to it, you will have an account
of what Bridport does as to their election of a new burgess in the
room of Col. Bishop. [*Ibid.* No. 106.]
- Nov. 27. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The 25th arrived here the
Lyme. *Francis* of this place in 14 days from Bordeaux laden with wines
and prunes. At their coming away the place was in great distraction
at the near approach of 15,000 soldiers sent by the King to take
their winter quarters in and about the town. The government of
the town had some thoughts of withstanding them, but 2,000 of
them entered the place the 9th. This is looked upon to be the effect
of the King's displeasure, and further, it's feared, will follow for
their late withstanding the King's edicts and impositions on them.
Above 500 sail of English are there for loading which this will much
impede. Their wines are very green this year, by reason of much
rains they have had in the vintage. That coast is very full of
Ostenders and Biscayers, so that a French vessel cannot pass.
They only make bold with the English as they did by this *Francis*
to take a little of their provisions &c. [*Ibid.* No. 107.]
- Nov. 27. Secretary Coventry to the Earl of Danby, Lord Treasurer. I
Whitehall. give my reasons for signing the present account, lest the case be
misapplied as a precedent. The King did not give Sir William
Lockhart any particular sum for his equipage, but left him to
provide it at his discretion, and then deliver in his account. This is
the only case I know of an equipage being left to the Ambassador's
judgment. Sir William's death so early makes many things allowable
which would not have been so, had he lived out most of the campaign,
especially the edibles, which are not properly parts of equipage
but ought to be discharged from his weekly allowance of 100*l.* for
housekeeping, but he was obliged to provide for a 6 or 7 months'
campaign, and died at the very beginning; this caused his weekly
allowance to cease, and the damage would have fallen on his widow,
who had nothing to defray it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, f. 205.]
Prefixed,
Account of the equipage made for his Excellency Sir William
Lockhart, Bart., his Majesty's ambassador in France, which
marched from Paris for the campaign, 15 May, 1675, with

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other extraordinary expenses as followeth ; being for equipage, coaches, horses, liveries, provisions for the table, wardrobe, postage, plate for the field, expenses from his death, 8 June, N.S., till his lady's leaving Paris 8 Sept., being 12 weeks, expenses for her journey homeward, expenses in passing warrants, gifts on audiences, New Year's gifts, &c., amounting in all to 5,566l. 17s. 1d. Signed Robina Lockhart, John Lewin. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 203.]

Nov. 27. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of the University of
Whitehall. Cambridge. Reinforcing his former letters of 24 March, 1668-9, which recommended Christopher Barker for the place of an Esquire Bedell, on the next vacancy, in consideration of his loyalty, sufferings and low condition, and the loyalty of his father. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 189.]

Nov. 27. Memorandum on behalf of the Provost of Eton that nothing pass concerning a second prebend's place at Windsor, the same being promised to Mr. Roswell, schoolmaster of Eton. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 17.]

Nov. 28. Sir L. Jenkins to Williamson. Reminding him, according to the
London. leave he gave him last night, of passports in his favour, as his baggage will without them run a great risk at sea, if he cannot have it ready to go along with him, or if it be separated from him by storm. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 108.]

Nov. 28. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [Ibid.
Portsmouth. No. 109.]

Nov. 28. Capt. James Jenifer to Samuel Pepys. I sent on board the
Downs. Dutch admiral to demand the four Englishmen, and went on board myself this evening but was refused with unbecoming language. The time of tide and evening is so late that we cannot get up our anchors, but in the morning (God willing) we will try if a few shot will prevail. My instructions are very absolute to bear me out. The men are young, having lately escaped from slavery, and, if once in the Indies, never likely to come home again, some thousands of the King's subjects being no better than slaves there. *At the foot.*

Request of William Curtis and three others to Capt. Jenifer to rescue them from the service of the Hollanders, who hold Englishmen no more than dogs, and to bring them into the King's service, where they will serve four months without pay. [Copies. Ibid. No. 110.]

Nov. 29. Capt. James Jenifer to Samuel Pepys. This morning we got up our anchors and again demanded the four men. On refusal we fired four shots, the first at random the others in place, when the Dutch Vice-admiral came on board and began to capitulate what power I had to demand them. I showed him the 36th article of my instructions and gave him half-an-hour to consider, and within the time the men were sent, though they much wished to wait till the Dutch Ambassador in London had consulted his Majesty. I durst not consent lest they should have an opportunity to give us the slip. They are still very confident through him to recover the

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men. I shall keep them till further orders. They are four as brave young and able men as ever I saw. It is a pity these Dutch should thus inveigle our youth when we have so much occasion for them, having the general trade of the world. *Annexed,*

Article 36 in the instructions to the commanders of ships, that they are to send on board foreign vessels, and reclaim any of the King's subjects serving thereon contrary to the Proclamation forbidding any subjects to serve any foreign power or state, and to compel their wages to be paid up. [Copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 110.]

Nov. 29.
London.

Sir J. Barckman Leyenbergh to Williamson. Not long since I delivered to the King a memorial concerning a Swedish ship, the *Calmar*. Her cargo being referred to Sir L. Jenkins, I desired the ship might come into the same consideration and be referred to Sir Leoline. But, as there was no letter for you accompanying the memorial, I am desired by the interessants or their factors to do it as yet, which I hope you will accept and favour me with a speedy and gracious answer from his Majesty, that a report may be made before Sir Leoline's departure. [*Ibid.* No. 111.]

Nov. 29.
Rotherby.

Sir William Hartopp to Williamson. The favour of your company with so many civilities to me were so received, that I could not have run from you, had not the Pie Corner gentlemen driven me out of town, but their conjunction with I know not whom, and themselves know not for what sent me packing to my poor home. [*Ibid.* No. 112.]

Nov. 29.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day came in a small vessel from Bordeaux. The master says that off the Lizard he met five French men-of-war of 70 and 80 guns apiece, plying there to look out for the Dutch East Indiamen, and on this news the Dutch East Indiamen here are at a stand what to do, but the wind being not fair they have further time to consider. I wrote to Mr. Yard that I have had no newsletters from the office this three or four weeks, of which I beg your favour. [*Ibid.* No. 113.]

Nov. 29.
Dover.

Francis Bastinck to Williamson. This morning arrived the Calais packet-boat, but we expect several mails from Nieuport, the wind for many days having blown hard and contrary, so that the mail which arrived from London on Saturday night was sent away this morning for Nieuport in a hired vessel, but, the wind being now abated and the weather fine, they may be expected here to-night or to-morrow morning. The passengers from Calais bring no news save that 'tis hoped the treaty to be this winter at Nimeguen may produce a good peace. Vessels daily arrive from Bordeaux that tell us of the miserable state of those people, lying under their King's displeasure, and that the gates and walls of their city are pulling down. [*Ibid.* No. 114.]

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Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Saturday came in a small Dutch man-of-war to carry off the prize I wrote of to Plymouth, where the man-of-war of 30 guns waits for them. Yesterday she went hence with the prize. The *Royal Defence* of London is still here waiting for lading for the Straits, and here is likewise the *Luce* of this port, ready to go for Virginia, and four or five more small vessels. The wind is at present W. [*Ibid.* No. 115.]

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Nov. 29. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 27th came in here the *John* of London in 8 days from Bordeaux. They say that place is in a very sad condition by reason of the King's forces there, about 14,000 horse and foot. They quarter 15 or 16 horses and men on a merchant, who is to find them meat and drink, and 20*lb.* hay and 10*lb.* straw a day for their horses, and to pay them 5*s.* a week in money. They have taken all the city arms into their custody, and have set guards all over the city and at every gate, so that no goods can go out without licence from the new governor. They strike out the head of almost every third hogshead of wine, and whatever damage they do to the inhabitants is little taken notice of. They are willing to pay the *gabelle* with all arrears, but that will not serve. Several ships that lay there for freight are come away, and gone for Rochelle, Nantes and other places, there being no hopes to have any there, the merchants being in such a distraction. They spare no merchants though they be aliens. They have removed the Parliament, and threaten to pull down some of the city. They can find no relief as yet, but it is reported the King will be there in person within 14 days. They talk of three suns seen there lately in the firmament, but no certainty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 116.]
- Nov. 29. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. No shipping has arrived here these 14 days save the *Rebecca* ketch of London from Dennigale (Dingle) Haven in Ireland with herrings and butter for Havre. The master reports all things in those parts in a quiet and good condition. [*Ibid.* No. 117.]
- Nov. 29. Warrant to John Blundell and John Bradley, messengers, to take into custody — Greene, clerk to Mr. Petit of the Inner Temple, and to bring him before Secretary Coventry. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 146.]
- Nov. 29. Privy Seal for payment to Thomas Chudleigh, Secretary to the Extraordinary Embassy for the treaty to be held at Nimeguen, of 300*l.* for his equipage and transportation and of 40*s.* a day for his diet and entertainment, and of such sums for intelligence &c. as shall be allowed by a Secretary of State. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 96.]
- [Nov. 30.] List of the Royal Society and of the present Council, of whom 11 are to be continued and 10 new ones to be chosen out of the Fellows, 30 Nov. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 118.]
- Nov. 30. London. Adam de Cardonnel to Williamson. Giving his little son's address at Leyden, and begging his Honour to vouchsafe him some directions, that by following them while in those parts he may be the better able to serve his Honour. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]
- Nov. 30. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The contrary winds have so kept back our packet-boats that not one of them is here, nor was there last Saturday to take over the mail that came. The wind continues westerly, where it was last Thursday morning, when we had so great a tide as almost amazed us, it being a foot higher than that we had 23 Oct. last, by which we suffered so much loss and they in Holland were so near an inundation. We have some apprehensions that they probably may have received more damage by this last, they also being the lee shore. [*Ibid.* No. 120.]

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Nov. 30. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. No news. [S.P. Portsmouth. *Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 121.]

Nov. 30. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 122.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 122 i.]

Nov. 30. Presentation of William Norris, M.A., to the Vicarage of South- Whitehall. weald, Essex. Minute. [S.P. *Dom., Entry Book* 27, p. 80.]

Nov. 30. Warrant for a pardon to Rory McKenzie, advocate, for striking and Whitehall. beating or offering to strike or beat John Steward, advocate, within the new session house of Edinburgh in the part appointed for the advocates before the ordinary Lord of the Bills at the by-bar, when the Lord was sitting on the bench in the Outer House on 20 Nov., 1675. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 360.]

Nov. 30. Warrant for a presentation to George Graham, minister at Orwell, Whitehall. nominating him to be minister at Lochmaben, which is vacant through the transportation of Archibald Inglis, last minister thereat, to the paroch kirk of Eskirk. [*Docquet. Ibid.* p. 361.]

Nov. Lord Townshend to Williamson. Requesting him to move his Majesty that John Pell of Dassingham, the second person on the list for sheriff for Norfolk might be excused, and suggesting James Ward of Hendringham, if one is wanted in his room, and also that Samuel Kerridge, one of the three for Suffolk, might be excused. [S.P. *Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 123.]

Nov. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. On the return from Turkey of John Hart, an ingenious young man of the next parish, I present you this relation. He going in 1667 to London became a servant to Captain Wise, commander of the *Tunis Merchant*, and in '68 in a fleet bound for the Straits convoyed by the *Falcon* and *Speedwell* was met by six Algerines, and after a sharp fight and their ship set on fire, he was taken by the Turks. The fleet returning to Algier, John was carried by the captain that took him to the King's house. The King a few days after sent him as a present to Mustapha Homor, General of the camp of the Arabs, who a little time after arrived at the camp in the Soro, who received him, but would not admit him to kiss his hand as he offered, but in 10 months after made him keeper of his treasure, sometimes having much money in pieces of 8 and aspers, their own coin, 232 of which make a piece of 8. After three years, for John was 3 years and 9 months amongst the Moors and Turks without seeing a Christian, several battles were fought with various success. At last his master was killed, and John became a servant to Mahomet Martilla, who took the command. He afterwards being strangled by the order of the King at Algiers, who sent for him there, John lived some time in the King's house falling to him by the death of his late master. This King was very averse to a peace with England, and the soldiery rose against him, and, as he was going from his own house to the House of Justice, slew him. Then John fell to the Byleete, and was afterwards bought by a soldier who used him ill, but afterwards carried him to Candia and so to Smyrna, Lord Finch being there,

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Rickwood consul. Mr. Turner, an English merchant, seeing him at the consul's, with the assistance of other English there ransomed him from his hard master at 100*l.* sterling. He lived two years with Mr. Turner, who going to France into Italy sent John home in the *African* frigate. The places John has seen amongst the Moors are Tittory, Constantine, Biscery (Biskra), where the dates come from, Mosobis (? Mezezeb), a people most abhorred by the Turks; amongst the Turks the island Soye (? Scio), Tunidis (? Tenedos), Constantinople, &c. John speaks good Moorish, Turkish, Italian and some Spanish, and shoots well flying or running, and he may be acceptable at your service, or any gentleman may have occasion for such a person. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 875, No. 124.]

Nov. Edward Smith to Williamson. Hoping he will not forget his promise a year ago to entertain him as a servant now that he has taken a house, he having been a true and faithful servant to Lord Arlington. [*Ibid.* No. 125.]

[Nov. ?] Notes by Williamson, endorsed, "Lord Cavendish and Mr. Howard made friends."

Mr. Howard.—Owns he writ it, says he has a witness that heard the words said, and that, not being in a condition to send to him and have satisfaction, he did write that letter to put Lord Cavendish on calling him to account.

Lord Cavendish.—Has a great respect for the (?) Colonel, that is dead, and for the Earl of Carlisle and the family, and does not remember he said any such words.

How he came to put up the paper.—Did not mean it a reflection on the family, as he hopes none of his family will take what was said by Mr. Howard a reflection on his family.

Lord Ossory.—Ill done of him that reported this to Lord Cavendish.

Lord Carlisle.—Lord Cavendish calling out (?) any man that is not of his mind in the character he gives of Mr. Howard. A suitable reparation must be given or else, he fears, it will hardly sleep.

Lord Keeper.—It goes far to a satisfaction that Lord Cavendish says he does not remember to have said anything &c., that he owns a respect for the Lord and the family. There must be a disposition on both sides to be reconciled. To lay this at the King's feet. Mr. H. to ask Lord Cavendish's pardon for his letter, if Lord Cavendish denies the words, and Lord Cavendish to ask his pardon for the paper he posted &c. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., pp. 358-369 passim.*) [*Ibid.* No. 126.]

[Nov. ?] "Two Seasonable Discourses concerning this present Parliament, Oxford, 1675," being "The Debate or Arguments for dissolving this present Parliament and the calling frequent and new Parliaments, as they were delivered in the House of Lords 20 Nov., 1675," and "A Letter from a Parliament man to his Friend, concerning the proceedings of the House of Commons this last session &c." by T.E. (Both these are printed in *State Tracts*, London, 1689 and 1693, pp. 65, 69.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant, after reciting a petition of the Walloon Congregation in and about Canterbury, stating that they and their ancestors there having been numerous are now near 2,500, whereof a considerable number, manufacturing silk, jersey and worsted, have used divers orders and ordinances established by mutual consent with the approbation of the Justices of Kent and Canterbury, and now lately by the Justices of Assize, so that they have by the said trade not only sustained their own poor, but employed many thousands of the English, but that of late many refractory persons of their own congregation and nation have for their private profit refused to conform to the said orders and ordinances to the utter ruin of the said manufactures; for the incorporation of them by the name of the Master, Wardens and Fellowship of Weavers in and within one mile of Canterbury with the powers &c. usual in such grants, reserving liberty for any English weavers within the limits of the corporation to become members thereof. [2 pages. *Precedents 1, f. 119.*]

Nov. Lists sent by James Neale. to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.:—

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127	Nov. 1	3	1	0	N.E.	
128	" 2	3	3	0	N.W.	
129	" 3	3	6	0	W.	
130	" 5	3	7	0	N.W.	
131	" 6	3	10	0	—	
132	" 7	3	11	0	N.W.	
133	" 8	3	12	0	S.W.	
134	" 9	3	18	3	S.W.	
135	" 11	3	17	2	S.W.	
136	" 12	3	19	2	S.W.	
137	" 13	3	18	1	S.W.	
138	" 14	3	0	0	N.N.W.	
139	" 15	2	1	0	N.E.	
140	" 16	2	2	2	W.	
141	" 17	2	0	0	N.	
142	" 18	2	2	0	S.W.	
143	" 20	2	2	0	N.E.	
144	" 21	2	2	0	N.E.	
145	" 22	2	2	0	N.W.	
146	" 23	2	1	0	N.E.	
147	" 24	2	2	0	S.W.	
148	" 25	2	9	0	W.	
149	" 26	2	4	1	W.	
150	" 27	2	10	3	W.	
151	" 28	2	9	1	N.W.	
152	" 29	3	8	0	N.W.	
153	" 30	2	10	0	N.W.	

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Whitehall. Rules and directions as to the precedence of the several regiments and their officers. These correspond to those of 28 May, 1673, calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1673, p. 304, except that after "the cornets as eldest captains of horse" is added, "and the guidons as youngest captains of horse. When the troops march with their colours, the officers of the same degree command according to the seniority of the troops respectively, but, when they are commanded out in parties, the officers of the same degree are to command according to the dates of their commissions." [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 375, No. 154.]
- Dec. 1.
Queen's
College. Thomas Crosthwait to Williamson. This should be a letter of thanks for your last favour to me in relation to the custom house of Carlisle in which I understand I was prevented. I beg your pardon, if instead of thanking you I turn it into a petition for another favour, which is if you would assist a friend of mine, Richard Pearson, in procuring or directing him how to procure the Great Seal for a lapsed living named Duns Tew in the diocese of Oxon. The patron, Sir John Reed, stands now excommunicated, and the living having had no vicar these two years is now sequestered by the Bishop of Oxford. [*Ibid.* No. 155.]
- Dec. 1.
Chester. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. By a messenger last night from Holyhead I heard that the Earl of Donegall, Lord Taaffe, Mr. Macarthy and Captain Chichester were still there, waiting for an easterly wind to transport them for Dublin. Lord O'Brien is not yet arrived here, so your packet to him is still in my hands. [*Ibid.* No. 156.]
- Dec. 1. *Caveat* on behalf of Sir Copleston Bampffield that nothing pass concerning the grant of the estate of Richard Sweatland, the same being forfeited to the King for killing a boy. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 45, p. 18.]
- Draft thereof by Williamson, adding that no grant pass till an execution of 60*l.* he has against Stier be remitted, and with other memoranda by Williamson. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 375, No. 157.]
- Dec. 1.
Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Gilbert Talbot, praying a lease of the manor of Pickering and Scalby, Yorkshire, of the present value of 239*l.* *per annum*, for 41 years, to commence after such estate as the Queen by her powers shall grant in the premises. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 66.]
- Dec. 1.
Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Col. Robert Werden, desiring the reversion of a certain farm called Moregrange, in the parish of Beesford, Yorkshire, and the rectory of the church of Elly (?Ella), with the tithes of the parish and the advowson of the same. [*Ibid.* p. 67.]
- Dec. 2.
Bridlington. T. Aslaby to Williamson. The light colliers formerly at anchor in this road loosed on Monday night and are gone northwards, and, we expect, are got down. We have little or no news by sea. Most of our ships are laid up, except some that are gone over with corn. The conventicles continue their frequent meetings. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 375, No. 158.]

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Dec. 2. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The last packet-boat from Holland
Harwich. arrived here 21 Nov., and, though the wind has been contrary,
being mostly westerly, as it continues, yet it has been calm and the
weather fair, so that with some kind of a fear we look out more
earnestly for them. Please countenance a dispatch from Sir R.
Southwell about clearing an obstruction in the sale of the buss
here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 875, No. 159.*]
- Dec. 2. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 160.]
- Dec. 2. Hugh Acland to Williamson. There has been a report as if
Truro. St. Germain, the priest, and his consort had taken ship at
Falmouth, and gone for France. Two strange persons came into
an inn at Flushing, a small village over against Falmouth. They
were bravely mounted, their horses esteemed worth 60*l.* at least,
and their pockets full of gold. They kept themselves privately,
and at last disposed of their horses for 15*l.*, and put to sea this day
sennight. Wind E. [*Ibid. No. 161.*]
- Dec. 2. Sir J. Williamson to Dr. Fell. His Majesty, having this
Whitehall. morning declared his pleasure for making my Lord of Oxon Bishop
of London, at the same time declared that absolutely he would
have you to succeed in the see of Oxford and to hold your deanery
in *commendam* for several considerations. He has understood how
little agreeable this promotion will be to your own mind and liking,
but is pleased to declare, that for several reasons relating to the
good of the Church, and particularly of that see and place, so it
shall be, and has accordingly commanded me this evening to
signify this to you as his pleasure and resolution. I wish you all
joy in your sacred function, and the poor Church many more helps
of your great piety and worth, in a time when, God knows, she is
brought so much to need them.
Postscript.—Dr. Smith has the canonry, Mr. Trumball the
parsonage of Witney, and St. Cross is kept in *commendam* two or
three years. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 64.*]
- Dec. 2. *Congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of London, with letter
missive recommending Dr. Henry Compton, Bishop of Oxford.
Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 18.*]
- Dec. 2. Presentation of Ralph Trumball, M.A., to the rectory and
Whitehall. vicarage of Witney, Oxfordshire, void by the translation of the
Bishop of Oxford to London. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 19.*]
- Dec. 2. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Having taken into considera-
Whitehall. tion in Council the petition of six of the daughters of Col. John
Lane, deceased, concerning the payment of the 6,000*l.* granted to
them, and finding the same cannot be satisfied in the manner
provided by the contract with Lord Ranelagh, yet continuing our
intentions of owning the said colonel's services in the persons of
these his daughters by rendering the grant of the said 6,000*l.*
effectual to them, we hereby in very especial manner recommend
to you to take particular care for satisfying the said 6,000*l.* to
them either out of the advance money payable by the new

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farmers of the revenue of Ireland or out of such other branch of the revenue there as shall be most convenient for our service. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 391.*]

Dec. 3.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Yesterday sailed from the Tees two vessels of this place laden with lead and butter for Rotterdam. The wind S.W. with the continuance of very fair pleasant weather. The post at this time of year fails us in these parts, so I beg excuse for your not hearing oftener. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 162.*]

Dec. 3.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. No ships have arrived here since my last. [*Ibid. No. 163.*]

Dec. 3.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder of London, to insert Elizabeth Chamberlaine, prisoner in Newgate, sentenced to transportation at the Old Bailey for stealing 20s. and a Bible from Thomas Ferriers, into the next pardon but to omit her in the clause for transportation, this being her first crime. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 146.*]

Dec. 3.
Whitehall.

Licence to Sir Richard Earle, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, to live out of that county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 17.*]

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Memorandum that his Majesty at the instance of his Royal Highness promised to Mr. Barnes, one of his chaplains, the living of Much Mugden (Munden) Herts., on the death of the present incumbent, Dr. Lightfoot. [*Cancelled. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 18.*]

Dec. 3.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant of the place of Clerk of the Hanaper Office to Henry Seymour, son of Sir Joseph Seymour, brother of Henry Seymour, Groom of the Bedchamber, for his life in reversion after the said Henry Seymour, the present holder, and Edward Seymour, his nephew, to whom it had been granted in reversion. [*Precedents 1, f. 121 A.*]

Dec. 3.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting a clause in the Act of Explanation, which, because in some counties and baronies the quit-rents by the rules of that Act chargeable on the lands therein might exceed or at least amount to the full value of the lands therewith charged or very near thereto to the great discouragement of all plantation and improvement thereon, empowered the Lord Lieutenant and Council for three years after the passing of the Act to make such abatements of quit-rents as they should think fit, and that any order of Council touching such abatements and enrolled in the Court of Exchequer should be as valid as if the same had been enacted by the Act, and that, that time having elapsed without such necessary relief being given, by a commission of 5 Dec., 1669, the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation were given further power to make some abatement of quit-rents due out of the forfeited lands then undisposed of by them, whereof no certificates had then been passed by them, but, that, because the said commission was passed but a short time before the power of the said Commissioners determined, and after they had passed

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certificates of most of the lands wherein such abatement was fit, and that they were so strictly limited by their commission and instructions that they could not give such relief to many as was necessary, very few quit-rents were abated in pursuance of the said commission, and that many lands in several counties and baronies that have been passed by certificate of the said Commissioners or by letters patent, or have been restored to the former proprietors, being charged with the quit-rents payable thereout by the said Acts, are so coarse and barren that the quit-rents amount to or nearly to the yearly value thereof, by reason whereof the quit-rents have been so far suffered to run in arrear, that the profits of the said lands will not be sufficient to answer the arrears and the growing quit-rents, so that by the quit-rents being so high and the arrears so great, many of the said lands lie waste and all plantation thereon is hindered and the revenue thereby impaired, whereas, if the quit-rents were reduced and part of the arrears discharged, they might well yield some moderate rent and also contribute to other public charges, and that there are some other forfeited lands remaining in the King's disposal that are so coarse and barren that they are not of sufficient yearly value to answer the quit-rents payable thereout by the said Acts : To the end that the revenue from the said new quit-rents may be settled and ascertained so that it can be relied on for the future, the King being assured that the Lord Lieutenant will take care that the revenue may be maintained as much as may possibly consist with the necessary relief of his subjects, authorizing and requiring him to cause a commission to be issued to himself and four others of the Privy Council chosen by him, with full power to examine the values of all lands which they shall judge not to be of sufficient value to satisfy the quit-rents payable by the said Acts and the arrears and other public charges due for the same, or whereof the quit-rents according to the said Acts nearly amount to the yearly value thereof, and, upon due knowledge of the value thereof and examination of such other circumstances as may be necessary to guide them, by orders under their hands to cause such abatements to be made of the said quit-rents and the arrears thereof as they shall think fit, with power to the said Commissioners to examine upon oath, such commission to continue for 12 months from the date thereof and no longer, and the abatements made in pursuance thereof to be certified to the King in Council with all convenient speed after the expiration of the commission, all orders under the hands and seals of the Commissioners touching the abatement of any quit-rents or arrears to be sufficient warrant for releases and discharges to be passed of such part of the said quit-rents and arrears as shall thereby be remitted or abated. And, in case any of the lands, the quit-rents on which or the arrears thereof shall be thought fit to be abated, remain undisposed of or not held by any letters patent, then the said orders of the said Commissioners shall in all letters patent hereafter to be passed thereof be a sufficient warrant for passing letters patent to the persons entitled thereto under such quit-rents as shall be mentioned in such order of abatement, notwithstanding that in any certificate of the Commissioners for executing the said Acts or in any royal letters any other or greater rents shall be ordered to be reserved

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out of such lands than the quit-rents so abated, or notwithstanding the rents of such lands are joined or included in one or more charge or charges with other lands more valuable. And further, that Lord Ranelagh and his partners and the Farmers of the Revenue should have such reasonable defalcations as shall be proportionable to the loss they shall suffer by any such abatement made by virtue of the said commission, with a proviso that the powers of the Commissioners shall not extend to the abatement of any quit-rents due out of any lands that shall appear to them to be of the yearly value *per* Irish acre of 12*d.* in Leinster, of 9*d.* in Munster, of 8*d.* in Ulster or 6*d.* in Connaught nor to the abatement or discharge of more than 4,000*l.* *per annum* in the whole of the yearly quit-rents. [5 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office Vol. 9, p. 395.*]

Dec. 4. Monsieur de Villeneuve to Williamson. Requesting him to accept this little bottle of bright ink, it being an established fact that in all this city, great as it is, there is no good ink to be had. [*Partly in French and partly in Spanish. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 164.*]

Dec. 4. Sir William Hartopp to Williamson. Having been long a
Rotherby. traveller in my younger days, please accept my second thanks, my first not being received, and, I assure you, no bill of exchange ever came so welcome to me as your civilities. If sometimes one minute's leisure may permit me three lines, and some mention in them of the King's safety, I can be then a little merry. We hear of very untoward libels, I hope not true. [*Ibid. No. 165.*]

Dec. 4. Warrant for the presentation of Robert Bostock, B.D., to the
Whitehall. rectory of Paglesham, Essex, which is in the King's gift by reason of the vacancy of the diocese of London. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 80.*]

Dec. 4. George Raleigh to Williamson. I suppose you have heard that
Jersey. the French king has caused the walls of Bordeaux to be demolished, and fined the inhabitants three millions of *livres*. We have no other news here, except that Sir T. Morgan has made an incredible progress in the pier he has undertaken to raise at St. Aubin's fort. It is 300 feet long, and in the foundation 41 feet broad. For 76 feet of its length it is 11 and 12 feet high and 35 feet broad on the top. The rest is of a very good height, so that all the seamen that come in acknowledge they receive very great benefit by it already, and doubtless it will be an excellent pier. [*S.P. Channel Islands 9, No. 31.*]

Dec. 5. Lord Latimer to Williamson. According to your commands I sent my man to wait on you, but, he not finding you within, I trouble you with this to desire you to enter Mr. Carpenter for the first prebend at Westminster, Windsor or Worcester, and to let the bearer have a copy of it under your hand, which, I am informed, you did for the Duke of Ormonde's chaplain, and, if you will favour me in the same kind, you will infinitely oblige me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 166.*]

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Dec. 5. Jo. Stonhouse to Williamson. Reminding him of the affair he last begged his assistance in, relating to Mr. Medlicott, who is chosen Recorder for Abingdon in place of Mr. Holt. He is a person in all respects qualified for that employment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 167.*]
- Dec. 5. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 168.]
- Dec. 5. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Two days since arrived here
Lyme. the *Elizabeth* of this place from St. Malo and Guernsey in three days. The Parliament for Brittany assembled at Dinant has given the King 3,000,000 *livres*, the tax of 5 *sols* on tobacco and 2 on tin. Notwithstanding, 13,000 are to be quartered this winter in the province, 10,000 horse, 3,000 foot, no places considerable excepted, but Morlaix and St. Malo. Their Marseilles fleet narrowly escaped de Ruyter in the Straits very lately. Colds so generally there amongst them, even to a mode, but many make their exit by it. This ship came out with several other English merchantmen for these western ports, mostly laden with linen and corn. Drapery sells there, but not at the former rates. Guernsey well. [*Ibid. No. 169.*]
- Dec. 5. Memorandum that Lord Latimer signified to Williamson that the King has promised the first vacant prebend at Westminster, Windsor or Worcester to Mr. Carpenter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 18.*]
- Dec. 5. The Duke of Monmouth to Dr. Isaac Barrow. Having given my consent that his Majesty's letter be sent to the University for making Christopher Barker an Esquire Bedell on the first vacancy, I give you an account of it, lest I should appear unmindful of your privileges and the promises I made on that behalf. Understanding that he (besides his Majesty having formerly granted him letters to the same effect) was pressingly recommended by both my predecessors, I was very desirous to accomplish their intentions towards one who has the merits of his own and his father's sufferings, especially being one that by your statutes is capable of that employment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 37.*]
- Dec. 6. Affidavit by James Allardice, living at the sign of the Globe over against Ivy Bridge in the Strand. At the Palsgrave's Head at Templebar between 2 and 3 p.m. Mr. Stysted said his Majesty had sold Tangier and Madam Currwell was to have the money, and that his Majesty was about selling all the foreign plantations to the French King, and that there was a paper put up on his Majesty's picture on horseback at the end of Lombard Street that his Majesty was in a worse condition than his father, having disoblged all his friends, and that he was going to France to live with Madam Currwell, Duchess of Portsmouth, and that she has transported 17,000*l.* within this last 19 days out of England. The gentlemen present, of whom the informer was one, told him he deserved to be hanged for speaking such seditious and treasonable words. He answered, if all he said was true, his blood would be upon our heads. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 170.*]

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Dec. 6. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This morning a small man-of-war is come into the Downs, which says he belongs to the Duke of Brandenburg. The wind being S.W. has brought in 30 or 40 sail. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 171.*]
- Dec. 6. Pendennis. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Shipping news. Two come lately from Bordeaux tell us of the sad devastations the French soldiery has committed on the town, and their outrages among the people. They tell us of the revolting of Bayonne to the Spaniard, and of the French King's sending 30,000 soldiers to reduce them to obedience, but they resolve to persist in rebellion. Wind W.N.W. [*Ibid. No. 172.*]
- Dec. 6. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. There came in here yesterday the *Turkey Merchant* of London from St. Malo, richly laden, bound for Cadiz, and the *Ann* of Dublin, both in four days from thence, bound home. They have about 30 Irish officers on board, that came out of the French King's service, and are returning home on our King's proclamation. They also report that the French King has established the last severe *gabelle* on paper and other commodities throughout the kingdom. Three or four small vessels from Croisic are also come in, which confirm the news from Brittany. A small vessel from Bordeaux confirms that three suns apparently appeared there with rainbows dividing them. The Master says he saw it and several hundreds besides. The *Adventure* of Penryn from St. Malo on the 4th met off the Start our Bordeaux fleet of about 60 sail, wind N.W., so it is supposed they are all safe arrived before this comes to hand. It is said the Irish officers from France are going to raise new companies in Ireland for the King of France's service next spring. So much corn is buying up in those parts to carry beyond sea, that the poor people begin to murmur, and the price begins to rise very much. [*Ibid. No. 173.*]
- Dec. 6. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. These parts are in a pretty healthful condition, though of late colds have been very epidemical, but not very mortal. There is no news here, trading being so extraordinarily dead, no vessels have come here of late from any foreign parts. [*Ibid. No. 174.*]
- Dec. 6. Whitehall. Sir J. Williamson to the Judge of the Admiralty Court. Transmitting by his Majesty's command the enclosed papers relating to a Swedish ship, called the *Salamander*, arrested at Queenborough by one Hartson of Amsterdam, for his consideration and opinion. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 65.*]
- Dec. 6. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of George Penne, similar to the former reference calendared *ante*, p. 410, except that the date for which the grant of holding a fair is requested is from 18 to 25 May. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 67.*]
- Dec. 6. Whitehall. Grant to Henry Smith, D.D., of a canonry of Christ Church, Oxford, void by the translation of the Bishop of Oxford to London. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 19.*]

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Warrants to Thomas Smith and John Potts, messengers, respectively, to search for, and bring before Williamson Edward Stisted, for spreading false and seditious news. Minutes. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 97.*]

Dec. 7.

The deposition of Thomas Fidge before Secretary Williamson. Concerning the words spoken by Stisted agreeing closely with Blount's examination calendared *post*, p. 440, except as follows:—The French lady had sent lately out of England many thousand pounds, and would go ere long, for she had bought a great estate. She went to her Majesty and said she was married to his Majesty by a bishop, and was his wife as well as her Majesty. A Scotchman hastily spoke to Stisted about selling Tangier, and he called him Scotch dog, and said he was one of the nine that sold the King. Stisted said 'twas treason to say Dunkirk was to be sold, but 'twas presently after. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 175.*]

Dec. 7.
Whitehall.

Secretary Coventry to the Lord High Treasurer. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure, who has seen the docquets and certificates annexed to C. Frowde's petition and is satisfied therewith, that his Lordship sign the docquets requisite for passing the grant to the petitioner. [*Ibid. No. 176.*]

Dec. 7.
London.

Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. As he understands that the bailiffs and wardens of the Weavers' Company are petitioners to his Majesty and the Council touching a difference amongst some of their members about the use of those looms which caused a great disturbance of late, entreating him to afford them his favour and kindness therein.

Postscript.—I know one of the masters of the said Company to have been a very great sufferer for his late Majesty both in his estate and person. [*Ibid. No. 177.*]

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Dr. J. Fell to Williamson. Though the affair whereof you lately wrote be of such moment as will require much time before a determinate answer can be given, and possibly the longer a deliberation is, there will appear still greater uncertainty, I must at least acknowledge your letter and express my due sense both of his Majesty's great and undeserved favour and also your obliging kindness. I shall forbear to trouble you with the history of my concerns, and the manifold incapacities I lie under to fill that station in the Church which a too indulgent charity has thought me equal for. But, the Bishop of Oxford intending to be here in a day or two, I shall give him such a particular account of the whole matter as will, I hope, be satisfactory. [*Ibid. No. 178.*]

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Lionel Walden to Williamson. My being in the Isle of Ely prevented my returning you thanks for your kind letter, but, being there in order to your commands, I hope you will excuse me. I have made the strictest enquiry I can concerning those persons, both in the Isle and in our own country, that we have a jealousy of, but cannot hear they have been from home. When anything comes to my knowledge worth your information I shall give you an account. The greatest dissatisfaction that is amongst the gentry with us is that we were not kinder to his Majesty, for everybody was inclinable to give freely, and I hear that some persons have chastised my peevish neighbour. [*Ibid. No. 179.*]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This forenoon arrived here in six weeks from New England a Mr. Martin. He says the Indians increase very much, and have powder and military necessities which they get from the French, for it seems that divers of the French are married and live with the Indians. One company of above 100 men fell before them, all dying except five, who fell amongst the dead and so preserved their lives. Mr. Martin says there is very great fear of the loss of those colonies, the enemy much increasing, and the thing is the more dangerous, because several of the petty kings up in that country, which ever had wars, are now united and join all together. Last night about 25 vessels arrived from Bordeaux; about 8 are bound for the Netherlands. Many of them speak of the just reward those rebels receive. A topsail gale at W. and by N. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 180.*]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 181.*]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. The *Success* frigate sailed to the eastward this afternoon. I am told the *Mary Rose* will sail to-morrow. [*Ibid. No. 182.*]

Enclosed,
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 182i.*]

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Whitehall:

Sir J. Williamson to the Earl Marshal. I am extremely sensible of the great compliment you have made me by Mr. Hayes. It were not reasonable I should be a second time burthensome to your interests at Thetford, having had it so little in my power to deserve from your Lordship or the town.

I acknowledge with much sense the favour you have done Ball in my consideration. I hope he will set himself to deserve in some measure the good you are pleased to design him. I am not a little out of countenance to be thus always on the begging hand, but it is the lot of my condition to receive, as it is of your Lordship's quality and station to be able to oblige and give. I beg your pardon that I did not wait on you to wish you a happy journey, and to recommend to you, as they might come in your way, my poor interests and relations in Cumberland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 65.*]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Roger Bradshaigh, desiring a certain arrear of 2,200*l.* due from one Collins, a receiver. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 68.*]

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Whitehall.

Dispensation to the Bishop of London to hold with the said bishopric the Mastership of St. Cross. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 19.*]

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Warrant to John Potts, messenger, to apprehend and bring before Williamson, William Bone, tailor, living in Bridges Street, Covent Garden, for concealing certain dangerous and treasonable words. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 97.*]

Dec. 7.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that in the contract of 4 Aug., 1671, with Lord Ranelagh and his partners they covenanted within 4 years from 25 Dec., 1671,

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to discharge the arrears on the establishment unpaid 25 Dec., 1670, not exceeding in the whole 144,148*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, by even and equal portions, the first payment to be made on or before 24 Dec., 1672, that by the letter of 26 Nov., 1672 (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1672-3, p. 211), such arrears were to be paid by 12 equal payments to be made every three months, that by the said contract the King covenanted that, in case any of the funds thereby assigned to them should be any ways lessened, discounted or extinguished by any act of his during their term, he would allow them not only an equivalent abatement and defalcation, but also a proportionable respite out of the sums by them undertaken, and that Lord Ranelagh and his partners have informed him that they have not been able to satisfy the said arrears at such times and in such portions as by the said letter were appointed by reason of the many great remittals, abatements, allowances, respites and defalcations granted since the commencement of their undertaking, whereby the funds assigned to them for satisfying the said arrears have been very much lessened or extinguished, and have besought in pursuance of the said covenant to be allowed some further time for discharging what is yet unpaid of the said arrears, as also of the moiety of the 10 months' arrears becoming due during the government of the first Lords Justices, and undertaken by them to be paid before 25 Dec., 1675, granting and allowing to the said Lord Ranelagh and his partners a further 12 months from 25 Dec., 1675, for clearing and discharging whatever is behind and unpaid at the signing of this warrant of the said arrears so by them undertaken, which they are to pay and satisfy within that time, not only without any composition, defalcation or other deduction whatever according to their covenants, but also in the payment of the said arrears such an equality is to be observed as that the persons concerned (if any), who have already received less or nothing of their arrears than others, may in the first place be satisfied so much as to bring them to a parity with those who have already received part of their arrears, and all other payments afterwards to be made by equal proportions, and particularly they are to take care that what part of the said arrears is due to the quarters may be punctually paid, in such manner and with such notice that all unnecessary trouble and attendance may be prevented, and declaring and ordering that no advantage shall be taken against the said Lord Ranelagh and partners on any pretence of breach of covenant by reason of their not having paid the said arrears at the times settled by their contract or the letter of 26 Nov., 1672, so as the same be now paid by them within that further time of 12 months allowed by these presents, and further ordering letters patent to be passed for the better and more effectual securing the favour hereby intended them. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom.*, *Signet Office*, Vol. 9, p. 392.]

Draft thereof, dated Nov., with memorandum that it was communicated to the Lord Lieutenant and agreed to by him. [*S.P. Ireland*, Car. II. 385, No. 201.]

Separate draft of the clause about equality of payment of the arrears. [*Ibid.* No. 202.]

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Order in Council. After reciting the petition of William Benning, Provost of Edinburgh, and others, owners of the *Agnes* of Burrowstownness, which represented that the petitioners, having obtained a pass from the Lord High Admiral of Scotland, set the said ship to sea with two other Scotch ships, and that about 1 Sept. last, they were met on the high sea by two Swedish men-of-war and a caper, and that, notwithstanding the pass, the said *Agnes* and the other two ships were seized by the said Swedes with their lading and carried into Gottenburg, where they are still detained:—That Secretary Williamson forthwith represent the matter to the Swedish Resident here, and also prepare a letter for the King's signature to the King of Sweden, that the said ship and her lading may be forthwith restored to the petitioners, and that they may receive satisfaction for her unjust capture and detention. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 183.]

Dec. 8. The examination of Edward Stisted taken before Secretary Williamson. Confesses that being in a certain company the 6th instant he said there was a report about the town that Tangier either was sold or to be sold, and that to the French. Asked, if he had said that the Duchess of Portsmouth was to have the money, he denies saying any such thing, and says further that he had the report of the sale of Tangier from a Dr. Bourne, and that having, 6 Dec. at night, asked Sir Edmund Wyndham whether he knew anything of it, Sir Edmund answered he had heard such a report.

Asked further, whether he had reported that the King had shut up the Exchequer, and that the new Bankers had thoughts of putting themselves into the King's Bench, he confesses he said that Lombard Street was full of people come thither to withdraw their money from the goldsmiths on a report spread abroad that they were about lending more money to the King, and that two of the said goldsmiths were broken or had shut up their shops.

Asked concerning a libel, he says that on a scandalous libel either put upon the horse, cast in the gallery or fixed on a door, the King had doubled his guards. He likewise confesses having said that it was reported that the French lady had sent a great sum out of England in order to build a house. He denies that he ever said that the French lady went to the Queen and told her that she was married to the King by a bishop, and was the King's wife as well as her Majesty, but confesses that Mrs. Bourne, wife of the said Dr. Bourne, had said to him on the 5th instant or thereabouts that she had heard that Madame Queroualle had said to the Queen or some of her servants, that she was as much the King's wife as the Queen, only that she was not married by a bishop. Asked, whether he had said the King was in a worse condition than his father having disoblged all his friends, and that he was going to France to live with Madame Queroualle, he denies having said any such words, or that anything like this was contained in the said libel, not having said what were the contents of the said libel. [*Ibid.* No. 184.]

Dec. 8. The Mayor, bailiffs and capital burgesses of Newcastle under Lyme to the King. Petition for his approbation of their choice of Samuel Machin to be their town clerk in the place of Robert Croxton, deceased. [*Ibid.* No. 185.]

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Dec. 8. T. Aslaby to Williamson. Eight or ten light colliers are now at
Bridlington. anchor in this bay, which have been down to the northward, but
these hard westerly winds forced them back again. [*S.P. Dom.,*
Car. II. 375, No. 186.]
- Dec. 8. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Last night and to-day at least 30
Deal. merchantmen are arrived from several parts, amongst them Captain
Packston from the Canaries, who tells us that by reason of dry
weather the vintage has proved very good, and that for many years
such good wines have not been known, but being less in quantity it
is very dear. Also the *Blossom* from New England, Mr. Martin
commander, who tells me that the rebellious Indians have done a
great deal of mischief of late, burning several small towns and
villages, and killing several people, both men, women and children,
sparing none they meet with. They lie lurking in by-places, so that
the New England people can do but little good upon them, for upon
this war most of the Indian kings are united together, and by
taking some prisoners they have found out that the French on the
other side of them have enticed these Indians to this rebellion.
Many ships are come from Bordeaux. The masters say that city lies
under a great affliction by the soldiers, and that they would not
suffer an Englishman to carry a stick in their hands, but they are
taken from them, besides many times abused. [*Ibid.* No. 187.]
- Dec. 8. Copy of letters of administration granted 9 Oct., 1673, by the
Archbishop of Canterbury to Elizabeth Dawson, aunt and guardian
of Elizabeth, Pretiosa, John and Charity Stone, infant children of
John Stone, deceased, of the goods of the said John Stone, for the
use of the said infants. [*Latin. Illegible in places. On parchment.*
S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F., No. 69.]
- Dec. 8. Warrant from the Duke of Monmouth to Thomas Newcombe,
Whitehall. printer to his Majesty, to order the printing of 100 copies of a
manuscript entitled *An Abridgement of the English Military*
Discipline, and to deliver the original and copies to his order, the
charge thereof to be placed to the King's account. [*S.P. Dom.,*
Entry Book 41, p. 41.]
- Dec. 8. Warrant for a gift to George, Earl of Linlithgow, of the escheat
Whitehall. of all the goods and gear of 51 persons therein named now in his
Majesty's disposition by reason of escheat for their being at field
conventicles and also of the escheat of the life-rents of the said
persons. [*Docquet. 2 pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3,*
p. 362.]
- Dec. 8. Warrant for a charter of new infeftment to John Wood, one of
Whitehall. the Regents of the College of Edinburgh, his heirs and assigns,
under the reservation of the life-rent therein specified, of the
lands therein described in the parochine of Benholme, Kincardine-
shire, and of the right of patronage of the kirk of Benholme, on
the resignation of Alexander Wood, with a *novodamus* and a change
of the holding from simple ward to taxt ward. [*Docquet. Ibid.*
p. 364.]
- Dec. 8. Memorial of protection to James Menteath, drower, of Falkirk, for
Whitehall. two years. [*Ibid. p. 365.*]

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Wednesday,
[Dec. 8.] Francis Sarsfield to Williamson. The enclosed only contains my name to be put by the Earl of Essex on the Irish establishment. I beg you to have the kindness to deliver it to him either by your own hands or by the Duke of Monmouth, my master, as shall be found most proper. [*French. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 395, No. 203.*]
Enclosed,
Francis Sarsfield, servant to the Duke of Monmouth, and by him recommended by the King's order to the Lord Lieutenant towards securing for him 100l. a year in Ireland. [Ibid. No. 203 i.]
- Dec. 9.
Whitehall. Certificate by the Duke of Monmouth of his consent that Richard Lake, M.A., of Sidney Sussex College, should endeavour to obtain his Majesty's letters mandatory, being well informed of his good deserts; and that he would have some time ago been chosen Fellow of that society, had he not unwittingly procured letters recommendatory in his behalf, which is disallowed by the statutes of that college. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 188.*]
Another copy thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 38.*]
- Dec. 9. Sir William Jones to Williamson. Informing him that he would attend him that evening at the time appointed, unless he can without inconvenience change the time to what hour he pleases to-morrow afternoon, which would be greatly to his conveniency. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 189.*]
- Dec. 9.
Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. The whole discourse here these ten days has been that his Majesty's ship, the *Success*, foundered at sea and every soul perished, but she arrived to-day in the Downs.
Letters dated 6 Sept. last from some Deal men on board Sir John Narbrough to their wives say that Sir John has burnt seven Tripoli ships, great and small, but that is better known at Whitehall.
Within these five days we have heard of more vessels and men lost the two late storms.
I advised you about four months past that at Dover, Sandwich, and adjacent places, small-pox and measles were very hot. Since it has been and yet is very breefe (*sic*) in our town, but not so mortal as at other places.
The Dutch East India, West India and Straits fleets are yet in the Downs, being bound by a N.W. wind, and also many English vessels, in all about 80 sail. A topsail gale at N.W. [*Ibid. No. 190.*]
- Dec. 9.
Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. Two days ago sailed out of the harbour a small French vessel laden with salt, and a sloop riding near the shore by St. Helen's seized her and carried her for Ostend. [*Ibid. No. 191.*]
- Dec. 9.
Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind W. [*Ibid. No. 192.*]
- Dec. 9.
Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Leoline Jenkins, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and to the other Admiralty Justices to prepare a pardon to Owen Winter, John West, Abel Owens, William Coast, and William

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Dixy, condemned at the Admiralty sessions at Southwark for piracy and felony and sentenced to death. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 28*, f. 146.]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to the Attorney-General. Begging him to give him half-an-hour there that evening at what hour he pleases after 5, to examine Stisted, the author of the false news he saw in the Lord Keeper's hand yesterday. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 43*, p. 66.]

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Whitehall.

The Duke of Monmouth to Dr. Barrow and the Senior Fellows of Trinity College. Interceding with them on behalf of Mr. Uvedale, a Fellow of the College, that they would dispense with his non-residence for some time, he being employed abroad in the education of the children of several persons of quality. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 48*, p. 38.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, if it appears on the return of an inquisition taken by virtue of a writ of *ad quod damnum* that the grant will not be to the prejudice of the King or the neighbouring fairs and markets, for a grant to Sir Albert Conyng-ham and his heirs of four fairs to be held yearly on 29 May, 11 Sept., 11 Nov., and 17 March and of a weekly market at Mount Charles *alias* Tannytallow in the barony of Boylegh, Donegal. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Signet Office*, Vol. 9, p. 402.]

Dec. 9.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, upon the surrender of certain letters patent granting to Adam Loftus the offices thereafter mentioned, for a grant to Edward Brabason for his life of the offices of Ranger, Gamekeeper, or Master of the Game of hunting, hawking, fishing and fowling and Chief Ranger of all the King's parks, forests, chases and woods in Ireland, and of the office of Ranger of the Phoenix Park and of Keeper of Newtown Walk therein, with the yearly fee of 50*l.* *per annum* with all the lodges, houses, fees and profits appertaining to the said office, including the keeping yearly in the said park 12 horses, 20 cows and one bull with a reasonable quantity of furze for firing. [*Ibid.* p. 430.]

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Examination of John Blount of the Middle Temple, taken before Secretary Williamson. Mr. Stisted coming on Monday the 6th to the Palsgrave's Head, the examinant asked him what news, not meaning public, but as to a money affair in which Stisted was employed by him. Stisted answered that the news was that Tangier either is sold, or was to be sold, and being asked to whom, he answered, To the French.

Stisted then and there said he heard there was a libel on the Horse in the Stocks' Market, and that the Exchequer was shut up again, and that it was believed that all the goldsmiths in Lombard Street would that day shut up their shops, and turn themselves into the King's Bench. Stisted also told the examinant and the company of a great loss of ships and of the hurricane at Barbados.

He further said that the Duchess of Portsmouth had the week before sent over 17,000*l.* into France, and that it was reported that she should say that she was as much the King's wife as the Queen.

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Stisted being admonished not to say any thing, but what he could bring an auther for, answered he had said nothing but what he was able to bring an auther for. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 375, No. 198.]

Dec. 10. Examination of Thomas Gaudy of Claxton, Norfolk. To the effect of the earlier part of the above examination:—The examinant further saith that Stisted said that the Duchess of Portsmouth had returned into France 17,000*l.* which had like to have been intercepted, as he heard, and that he heard that the Duchess told the Queen she was as much the King's wife as her Majesty, but that she was married by a bishop. *At the foot,*
Declaration by Arthur Warde, of Hinton, Salop, that having read the above examination, he heard what is said in it, except what concerns the report of the Duchess' money being intercepted. [*Ibid.* No. 194.]

[Dec. 10?] E. Stisted to Williamson. Requesting him to procure the favour for him to be called that day, adding that Mr. Potts stays with him in the lobby. [*Ibid.* No. 195.]

Dec. 10. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news. Wind westerly with
 Stockton. fair pleasant weather. [*Ibid.* No. 196.]

Dec. 10. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. But one ship is arrived since my
 Plymouth. last. The *Mary Rose* is still here. The commander received orders to-day from Secretary Pepys, supposed to sail for Portsmouth or the Downs, but the wind blowing hard at S.W. she cannot sail out of the Sound. [*Ibid.* No. 197.] *Enclosed,*
Particulars of the ship arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 197 i.]

Dec. 10. Certificate by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's of their election
 The Chapter- of Henry, Bishop of Oxford, to the see of London, void by the
 house. decease of Humphrey Henchman. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F., No. 70.*]

Dec. 10. Licence to William Swift, High Sheriff of Worcestershire, to live
 Whitehall. out of his county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 18.*]

Dec. 10. *Caveat* on behalf of the Duke of Monmouth that no grant pass of
 any forfeitures for forging debentures, bills of public faith, receipts or other writings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 19.*]

Dec. 10. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Anne Sarsfield
 Whitehall. for a pension, in consideration of the constant loyalty, services and sufferings of her uncle, William Sarsfield, and her husband, Patrick Sarsfield, and of the sad condition she and her children are reduced to. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 69.*]

Dec. 10. Grant to Charles Atherton of the office of Serjeant Plumber in
 Whitehall. reversion after Peter Brent. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 98.*]

[Dec.] Memorandum that His Royal Highness has prepared a state of his deficiencies for which he ought to have a satisfaction by reprisals of lands remaining in his Majesty by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and in order thereto prays that his Majesty will

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refer his demand to the Lord Privy Seal and the Lord Lieutenant, and that Sir James Shaen, the Surveyor-General of Ireland, may attend their lordships who are to report what number of acres, &c., his deficiencies amount to. *At the foot,*

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Reference thereof to the Lord Privy Seal and the Lord Lieutenant, they calling to their assistance Sir James Shaen. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 204.]

Another copy of the above memorandum and reference. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 68.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for effectual acquittances and discharges to Sir James Shaen, Sir William Petty, William Hill, William Rider, Robert Gorges, Thomas Hoar, Francis Soane, William Muschamp, Edward Richbell, Stanhop Mill, Laurence Stannian and William Hanway, the new farmers of the revenue in Ireland, for 20,000*l.* actually paid to the King's use as part of the advance money by them agreed to be paid for securing the payment of the rent of the said farm, as if the same had been actually paid into the receipt of the Irish Exchequer. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 400.]

Dec. 11.
Ludgate.

William Middleton to Williamson. I have lain here two years miserably enough. Nobody comes at me a month together to give me a cup of drink, but I have been glad to drink water four or five days together. I have nothing but rags about me and have been fain to go in a pair of old ship's shoes for twelve months together. If I have not to satisfy this keeper for my chamber now at Christmas, I shall be turned out to be in a lower ward, and there men lie upon the boards. I hope God will move you to help me in this my great extremity. I doubt not but you have my petition and papers by you, by which my sufferings for the King are set forth, I now being reduced to necessity, and arrived at the age of 70 and upwards and having no subsistence at all to live on. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, No. 200.]

Dec. 11.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. After my letter last Thursday we had a very high tide again, but, the weather being calm, with some care and labour we preserved our marshes. No packet-boat has since arrived. The wind is somewhat southerly of west. [*Ibid.* No. 201.]

Dec. 11.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. The *Amity* of this place arrived last night from Bordeaux, whence he came last Sunday sennight. He brings no news from thence, but says a Biscayer commanded him aboard and well beat him and two of his men that carried him aboard, and gave him no reason for it, and into the bargain took away from him two hogsheads of wine, nine birding guns and a musket. [*Ibid.* No. 202.]

Dec. 11.
Bristol.

Thomas Cale to Williamson. This week arrived here several vessels of this port, 5 from Malaga, 1 from Terceira and 2 from France; also one from the Canaries for London was forced in here by stress of weather. [*Ibid.* No. 203.]

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Whitehall. Reference to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster of the petition of Thomas Eyer, of Gray's Inn, for his Majesty's interest under some small rent to certain waste grounds, parcel of the Duchy, granted by his late Majesty to Richard Nevell at a considerable yearly rent under a *nomine pœnæ* for non-payment, whereof nothing has been yet paid, and the ground not improved, which was by him discovered to the Chancellor of the Duchy. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 69.]
- Dec. 11.
Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Thomas Newcombe and Henry Hills, of the city of London, stationers, of the office of King's Printer, for the printing of all Bibles, Books of Common Prayer, of all Translations, Statutes and Proclamations, for the term of 30 years, to commence after the determination of the estates and interests heretofore granted in the said office to Robert Barker, and to Charles and Matthew Barker, with the fee of 6*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, and with a prohibition that none other meddle in the said office. [*Precedents* 1, f. 128.]
- Dec. 11.
Whitehall. The King to the Lord Chancellor and the Lord President and the remanent Senators of the College of Justice. There being lately presented to us a petition signed by Sir George Lockhart, Sir John Cunningham, John Ellis and Hugh Wallace, four of the debarred advocates, containing their submissions and acknowledgements touching appeals and protestations for remeid of law and the respect and submission due by them and all others to your persons and sentences and desiring we would accept the same as an evidence of their duty and loyalty, and thereupon restore them to their employment, as more fully appears by the enclosed petition itself, as we are resolved inviolably to maintain your jurisdiction and authority, and severely to punish all designs to the prejudice or derogation thereof, so we now declare that we will not suffer or allow any appeals or protestations to be used against any of your acts, interlocutors, or sentences, and we require and authorize you to discover all persons, who shall advise, countenance or be accessory to the contriving or presenting such appeals and protestations in future, and to punish all such attempts and designs according to our pleasure formerly signified, and, albeit we perfectly understand the present condition of that affair and what certifications and other restrictions those outed advocates are liable to, yet, being well satisfied with the declarations, acknowledgements and submissions in the said petition, and having regard to the abilities of those advocates for serving us and our subjects, we are graciously pleased to dispense with all certifications and other restrictions, not only as to those who have signed the said petition, but also as to all others who have been debarred, who shall subscribe the like petitions betwixt this and 10 Jan. next, and present the same to you, and we allow all such advocates who have already, or shall within the said time, subscribe the like petitions to re-enter to the exercise of their employment, and to enjoy all the liberties and privileges belonging thereto, as effectually as if they had never been debarred, and we confidently expect they will demean themselves as becomes dutiful and loyal subjects. Lastly, we require you to

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Dec. 14. Richard Watts to Williamson. Even now the *Mary Rose* arrived Deal. from the Straits. Yesterday came an order to me from the Duke of Monmouth to take out the horses, a present from the King of Spain to his Majesty. There were seven, but one is dead. They speak nothing but what the captain sent from Plymouth. It blows very fresh at S. and by W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 4.*]
- Dec. 14. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. The wind continues at S.W. and Deal. keeps the Dutch East India ships still here, with about 200 more English merchantmen outward-bound, and many ships come in from the westward, among them the *Mary Rose*. [*Ibid. No. 5.*]
- Dec. 14. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Some days since I advised that Portsmouth. an Ostend privateer had seized a small French vessel, which afterwards the master redeemed for a sum he borrowed here, and going with her to Havre, another Ostend privateer took her again, and, as they were carrying her to Ostend they were met by two small French privateers, who took both the prize and the man-of-war. [*Ibid. No. 6.*]
- Dec. 14. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. One ship is arrived this evening, Plymouth. but, it being a great storm, no boat can go on board. She is reported to be a Yarmouth ship for West Indies. [*Ibid. No. 7.*] *Perhaps enclosed,*
Particulars of a ship arrived there on the 11th. [Ibid. No. 71.]
- Dec. 14. *Congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, and letter missive in favour of Dr. Fell, Dean of Christ Church. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 20.*]
- Dec. 14. Warrant for the restitution of temporalities to Dr. Compton, Whitehall. Bishop of London, to commence from the death of Dr. Henchman, the late bishop. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- Dec. 15. The examination of Eleanor Bourne taken before Secretary Williamson. Denying that she ever said to Mr. Stisted or any one else that she had ever heard that the Duchess of Portsmouth had said to the Queen or to any of the Queen's servants or to any one else, that she, the Duchess, was as much the King's wife or as much married to the King as the Queen was, save that it was not done by a bishop, or words to that effect, nor did she ever hear any such thing said by anybody else. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 8.*]
- Dec. 15. The Earl of Winchilsea to Williamson. I am not out of heart, Eastwell. though no ambassador except myself has escaped receiving some marks of his Majesty's favour, and been placed in some offices or near his person. I cannot be thought to have comported myself ill in my embassy, since I have had two letters under his Majesty's hand approving my services in that forlorn hope of embassies I had amongst the barbarians, which all knew to be full of danger of the plague and other misfortunes, yet, though I lost a daughter there of the pestilence in my house, and the marriage of my eldest son, who was also slain in the King's service, and, though none can say that I ever refused any hazard for his Majesty's service, I have been yet forgot, as if either I had deserved ill, or at least to have

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been buried in silence. However the Turkey Company gave me their thanks and a present of 800*l.* at my return. I then spent some thousands of pounds more than I need have done to keep up his Majesty's reputation there, without bringing any bills or desiring repayment. I have not had either bed or chair of state there as was usual, nor so much as the King's and Queen's pictures so long promised me. However I have since my return done the King all the duty and service in my power, and will do it whilst I live, and have been at great expenses since for his service, both in attending several Parliaments and on other occasions. I am grown now melancholy and not so healthful as I was, and I must live closer to pay my debts and provide for my poor children. Whatever becomes of me, I have the same zeal for the King.

When his Majesty was restored, there were few of my quality and age that had reason to have hoped more than I. Hope is a good breakfast, a tolerable dinner, but a very bad supper, as Lord Bacon used to say. I hope I have not gone backward since, though many others have been preferred before me. I must beg you to put the King in mind of me sometimes, for I am sure he is equally good to all his old servants, and I have, since Lord Southampton's death, had no friend that would remember me, and I am bad at remembering myself. In case his Majesty would employ me in some warm country, I might probably yet recover my health and live some years longer to serve him. There is no rough unhewn timber that may not be fashioned into some useful form by a master workman to be serviceable in a great fabric. Sure the King, my master workman, in so great a fabric as his three kingdoms needs not despair altogether of his old servant.

You promised me your favour and assistance when anything might offer itself. I take this occasion to remind you by the bearer, Sir Theodore de Vaux, whom I pray credit in my name, when he may have an occasion to wait on you. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 876, No. 9.]

Dec. 15.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Just now arrived here the *Thomas and Mary* of this place in two days from Morlaix with lockrams, the usual loading from that port. She came out in company with some others, and off Torbay an Ostender of six guns boarded them, making bold with a little of their provision, and rifleing a French boy, a passenger. The soldiers are most quartered in Cornwall (Cornouaille), none in Morlaix; only a little trouble upon them for killing a corporal by some unknown persons in the town. There happened a rencontre between the Marquis Uxsade and an Irishman, a commander in that King's army, the latter having the best of it, the other receiving some wounds, hardly escaping with his life. At Bordeaux the soldiery keep the place, and have demolished a church, and some part of the town, that the castle may have the better command of them. They now pay their taxes quietly, but cannot be said willingly. They have deputed some of their choice persons to present before the King, if it may be to mitigate something of his displeasure towards them. [*Ibid.* No. 10.]

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Dec. 15.
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Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex to reprieve Robert Trott, condemned for robbing Thomas Barnett, a butcher, till the next sessions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 147.*]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Sir John Holmes, in reversion after Sir Robert Holmes, of the offices of governor and captain of the Isle of Wight, of governor of Carisbrook and all other castles in the island, and of steward, surveyor, receiver, and bailiff of all lands &c. there, fee 13s. 6d. a day. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 140.*]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

Warrant appointing Sir John Holmes to be governor of Hurst castle, Hampshire, who is to obey the orders of the King, the Captain General, or Sir Robert Holmes, governor of the Isle of Wight. [*Ibid. p. 143.*]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

Certificates that Sir Leoline Jenkins, one of the Ambassadors Extraordinary for the treaty at Nimeguen, and Thomas Chudleigh, secretary to the Embassy for the said treaty, both took leave of his Majesty on Monday the 13th. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, pp. 98, 99.*]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

Warrant, after reciting a contract of 4 Nov., 1641, betwixt the late King and John, Earl of Mar, whereby for 8,000*l.* sterling due to the said Earl for his resignation of his heritable office of the shirefship of Stirling and other heritable offices, and for the arrears of a pension due to him, the few meals, few farms, caynes, customs and other duties of the lands and lordship of Stirling were let to the said Earl for 25 years from the date thereof, and a ratification by his present Majesty of the said tack, dated 11 June, 1651, and that, notwithstanding, during the years of the late usurped authority, neither the said deceased Earl nor the late deceased Earl John, his son, received any benefit of the said tack, and a ratification dated 26 Oct., 1660, of the said tack and a new tack of the premises to John, Earl of Mar, deceased, for 10 years from the expiration of the former tack; for a new tack to Charles, now Earl of Mar, of the said few meals, &c., for three years after the expiration of the last tack of 10 years, and thereafter till the same be recalled and discharged by his Majesty at the yearly rent of 10 *merks* Scots. [*3 pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 369.*]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Warrant, after reciting that the debt of 8,000*l.* sterling mentioned in the last warrant had been fully paid by the two former tacks therein mentioned, requiring them before delivering the new tack to Charles, Earl of Mar, to receive from him, as representing his father and grandfather, an ample discharge of the said debt. [*Ibid. p. 372.*]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a gift to James Murray, of Philliphauth, *ad vitam aut ad culpam*, of the office of sheriff of Selkirkshire. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 374.*]

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Warrant for a gift to James Murray, brother of John Murray of Philliphauth, deceased, of the ward and non-entry of sundry lands in the shires of Selkirk and Mid Lothian, which pertained before to the said deceased, with the marriage of James, eldest son and

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apparent heir of the said deceased, and failing him by decease unmarried, the marriage of any other heir male or female of the said deceased. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 375.*]

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Whitehall.

Memorials of protection to Sir Joseph Douglas of Pompherstowne, William Fullerstowne of Fullerstowne, James Murray, eldest son of Sir William Murray of Dreghorne, and David Rollo, son of Andrew Rollo, minister at Doneing, for two years respectively, except that to James Murray, which is for six months. [*Ibid. p. 376.*]

Dec. 15.
The Council
Chamber,
Dublin.

Proclamation by the Lord Justices and Council, at the request of the trustees appointed for the '49 officers by the commission of 26 Oct. last, calendared *ante*, p. 364, publishing the tenor of the said commission and that the said trustees have appointed their first sitting to be 3 Feb. next, at the Green Chamber at the Custom house, Dublin, and that they intend to sit there every week, till they have discharged the trust committed to them. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 309, p. 419.*]

Dec. 16.
Wallingford
House.

Report by the Lord Treasurer on the reference to him of the petition of Sir Christopher Musgrave, calendared *ante*, p. 320, that the land called Wolliacks, in the Forest of Inglewood, was demised by the late Queen Mother and her trustees, 17 Sept., 1661, to James Long for two lives at the yearly rent of 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and that several other parcels of land within the Honour of Penrith were demised by the same persons, 17 June, 1665, to the said Long also for two lives at the yearly rent of 6*l.* 17*s.*, both which leases have been purchased by the petitioner, and that all the premises are now in jointure to the Queen, who has power to grant estates therein for 31 years or three lives, and that Wolliacks has been valued at 57*l.* 15*s.* *per annum*, and the other parcels at 64*l.* 8*s.* *per annum* above the said rents, but that the valuation of the last parcels is 10*l.* *per annum* more than they are now let for, and that an estate for 31 years in reversion therein cannot be valued at above 200*l.*, if so much, and that he is of opinion, that, if his Majesty shall think fit to gratify the petitioner, it may fitly be done. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 11.*]

Dec. 16.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The weather has been so bad, and the westerly winds so contrary that none of our packet-boats are yet arrived. Last night the wind coming southerly, the weather has proved fair, and another boat is hired to take away the mails and passengers. [*Ibid. No. 12.*]

Dec. 16.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. We scarce yet know of the great damage the last high winds did, for almost every day on the account of masters as a public notary I protest against the seas, and find the winds more violent in the ocean than in the Channel.

To-day by the Duke of Monmouth's order I fetched six horses out of the *Mary Rose*. Two of them are a little lamish, being about a month without shoes. They are neat and full of courage. The winds have been so violent the packet-boats from the other side could not come over. [*Ibid. No. 13.*]

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Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid. No. 14.*]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. Several Frenchmen are now here that were taken about eight days past by an Ostend caper and put ashore near the Land's End. The ship was called the *Star*, of Havre, of about 70 tons, laden with linen cloth and other goods from Rouen for Dublin. Last Monday was cast away at the Lizard a ship of London of about 100 tons from Bordeaux laden with chestnuts. All the men were saved save one, and some of the ship and tackle. About the same time I am advised of three or four more cast away on the north coast near Padstow.

The 14th came in the *Joan* of this place from Alicante. Five more came out in her company, and were separated 20 leagues westward of Scilly, wind S.W., so it is supposed they are gone safe up the Channel. They report that the Argier men-of-war are very thick abroad, and that they had carried in two Yarmouth men on suspicion that the goods belonged to Hollanders, and that the Dutch had sent an ambassador to desire a peace. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 15.*]

Dec. 16.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Henry, Earl of Ogle, of the office of governor of Berwick-on-Tweed, in place of William, late Lord Widdrington. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 144.*]

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Whitehall.

Order that Daniel Collingwood, appointed commander of Holy Island and Ferne Island, or any other who shall be hereafter captain of the said islands, shall obey the commands of Henry, Earl of Ogle, governor of Berwick. [*Ibid. p. 145.*]

Dec. 16.
Whitehall.

The King to the Duke of Albemarle. Whereas John, Earl of Bath, has surrendered his commission of lieutenancy of Devonshire, which he has executed since the death of the late Duke of Albemarle, and we have constituted you lieutenant and *custos rotulorum* of the said county, our pleasure is that you confirm by your commission all the officers of the militia and the clerk of the peace appointed and commissioned by the said Earl, during the time of his lieutenancy and of his being *custos rotulorum* in trust for you, and likewise that you take special care that a good correspondence be always kept betwixt the officers and soldiers of the militia under your command and those of the Stannaries of the said county under the command of the said Earl as Lord Warden, in the same manner as it was settled between the late Duke of Albemarle, and the said Earl, the Lieutenant and Governor of the town and citadel of Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 18.*]

Two drafts thereof, one dated the 10th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 375, Nos. 198, 199.*]

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Note that the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland desires that no letters or orders pass concerning the Earl of Anglesey's or Sir G. Carteret's accounts in Ireland, but that the law may take its course. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 19.*]

Another copy thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 205.*]

Dec. 16.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Thomas Lloyd praying a grant of a fine levied on Thomas Jones and others of Pembrokeshire for a riot. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 70.*]

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Whitehall. Order in Council on the petition of William Welch, merchant, setting forth that last August the petitioner ordered to be bought at Rotterdam on his account 6 cwt. of salt and two-thirds of 80 pipes of Spanish wine, and ordered the same to be shipped on the *Hope* of Grange Pans for Riga, where she arrived safe, and the goods were delivered to the petitioner's factor there, that, the war between Sweden and Holland being newly published there, the Swedes caused a seizure to be made of all the effects of the Hollanders, and under pretence thereof seized the petitioner's said goods, and that, notwithstanding that the petitioner's factor and the master of the said ship have demanded the same as English goods, and though sufficient proof thereof was tendered, the same are refused to be delivered: That Mr. Secretary Williamson prepare a letter for his Majesty's signature to the King of Sweden, effectually recommending the restitution of the said goods, and that the petitioner may receive satisfaction for his damages by reason of the undue capture and detention of the same. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 16.*]
- Dec. 17.
Wallingford
House. Charles Bertie to Williamson. Sir Gabriel Silvius having applied to the Lord Treasurer that 100*l.* paid to him in Holland by Alderman Backwell for the releasing of several prisoners of war may be inserted in the Privy Seal he is now passing in your office, that the Alderman may be enabled to pass his account and save the charges of a Privy Seal for the 100*l.*, his Lordship has commanded me to write to you that such a clause may be inserted. [*Ibid. No. 17.*]
- Dec. 17.
Lynn. Edward Bodham to Williamson. As the bearer, his brother Henry Bodham, has a considerable debt of six or seven years standing due from Benjamin Scott, a merchant of Barbados, requesting Williamson to give his letter of recommendation to the governor of the island to further his agent in the readiest way to recover his right. [*Ibid. No. 18.*]
- Dec. 17.
Whitehall. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing particulars of a ship arrived. [*Ibid. No. 19.*] *Enclosed,*
The said particulars. [*Ibid. No. 19 i.*]
- Dec. 17.
Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Samuel Morland, praying a new lease of the great building at Vauxhall without the clause of reassumption and with leave to build on the waste. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 70.*]
- Dec. 16.
Whitehall Pass for Sir Leoline Jenkins with his servants &c. to pass into Holland. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 99.*]
- Dec. 16.
Whitehall. Warrants to the Keeper of the Gatehouse to receive and detain in custody Edward Stysted, who is accused of uttering several false and seditious speeches in affront and dishonour to his Majesty's government, and to John Potts, messenger, to deliver him to the said Keeper. [*Ibid. p. 99.*]
- Dec. 17.
Whitehall. Approbation of Samuel Machin to be town clerk of Newcastle-under-Lyme. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 100.*]
- Dec. 17
Whitehall. Whereas proposals were made between Thomas Rayner of St. Giles in the Fields, cornchandler, and Martha Randall, touching a

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marriage between Christopher, the son of the said Rayner, and Martha Browne, daughter of the said Randall, and the parties seemed to agree to the proposals, but, before the agreement could be perfected, the said Christopher and Martha Browne intermarried without the knowledge of Martha the mother, and the said Christopher and Martha, his wife, with the said Thomas Rayner have by their petition stated they are liable to the penalty of a statute of 4 and 5 Phil. and Mary, the said Martha Rayner being under the age of 16 at the time of the said marriage, and prayed for a pardon to themselves and to William Slater, D.D., Thomas Rhodes, John Anderson, and Sarah Rayner, who were present at the said marriage:—warrant for a pardon to all the said seven persons as prayed in the petition. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, No. 100.*]

Note of the above pardon and of the names of the persons pardoned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 20.*]

Dec. 18. Ann Cole to Williamson. As his poor pensioner entreating his sufferance where she may wait on him. [*Ibid. No. 21.*]

Dec. 18. Nicholas Taylour to Williamson. Your favour in procuring my dispensation from the Bishop of Winton for my absence from a small vicarage has put me on this petition that you would appear my friend that I may be the successor of Mr. Crutch, minister of Hinton Martell in Dorset, the presentation being on his death in his Majesty's gift, and consequently, as I hear, in the Lord Keeper's. I have written to Dr. Lamplugh concerning the same business. [*Ibid. No. 22.*]

Dec. 18. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats which sailed from the Brill last Monday landed the mail and passengers on Thursday at Southwold, among whom was a lady with six or seven attendants, who, they say, was related to the Duchess of York. The master of this packet-boat says they have had very bad weather. The weather is fair and the wind still westerly. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]

Dec. 18. William Hurt to Williamson. Requesting him to befriend him in obtaining the collectorship of Exeter, the collector having died last Wednesday or Thursday. [*Ibid. No. 24.*]

Dec. 18. Sir Robert Cann, Mayor, to Williamson. The *Port Morant Merchant* from Jamaica was cast away last Tuesday within three leagues of this port, and the captain, master, and other of the mariners to the number of 14 were drowned. One of the mates being saved brought me the enclosed desiring me to give it conveyance. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]

Dec. 18. Thomas Cale to Williamson. Giving an account of the wreck of the *Port Morant Merchant*. [*Ibid. No. 26.*]

Dec. 18. Dr. Allan Pennington to Williamson. An opportunity offers, wherein you may oblige many of your friends, nor shall it be without a grateful acknowledgement by a handsome present for the favour. Mr. Simon Lloyd, the incumbent of the sinecure of

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Llannynis in Denbighshire, is lately dead. It is in the diocese of Bangor, where I am Chancellor. It is the custom in this diocese that the Archbishop has the first sinecure in his gift that falls after the instalment of a new bishop. Now this is the first. The person you are desired to move for is John Higginbotom, M.A., chaplain to Sir G. Shakerley in this castle, an ingenious civil man and a good preacher, and very right both in doctrine and life. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 27.]

Dec. 19.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Since my last there has been a very great storm, but the ships have ridden it out very well. In the night came in two French sloops, but this morning one of them broke away from his anchor and is gone for Sandwich haven, but we cannot tell yet whether he is ashore, but by the next post you shall have a fuller and truer account. Also to-day came in the *English John* from Barbados, but the master cannot give any account of what the Indians have done since my last news. [*Ibid.* No. 28.]

Dec. 19.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. There has been severe blowing weather most of last week. We are told the *Mary Rose* from the Straits is gone by to the Downs. The enclosed has been recommended to me by the Duke of Monmouth for Capt. Coppow, the commander of the *Mary Rose*, who brought his Majesty a present of Spanish horses, supposing she had come in here, therefore pray give it to the Secretary or to his Grace himself. [*Ibid.* No. 29.]

Dec. 19.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. Wishing him a merry Christmas. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 30.]

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The Mayor and capital burgesses of Tiverton to the King. Petition showing that the borough is a very poor place, in consequence of several fires by which it has been twice totally destroyed, and a third time greatly laid waste, that, there having always a market there every Monday, the inhabitants during the late troubles were persuaded that God's heavy judgement was on them for profaning the Lord's day by preparing for the Monday's market, and petitioned the late usurper to grant them a new charter, altering the market from Monday to Tuesday, which was done and so continued ever since, which has proved more convenient, and the greater part of the profits of the market has been set apart for the relief of the poor, but that lately several persons, taking advantage of the invalidity of the said new charter refuse to pay tolls and other dues, and therefore praying for a charter altering the market from Monday to Tuesday with such other alterations and privileges as may seem meet. *At the side,*

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Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. [*Ibid.* No. 31.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 73.*]

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9 a.m.
Greenwich.
on board the
Charles
yacht.

Sir Leoline Jenkins to Williamson. Wind S.W. We are just setting sail, but have no hopes to get further than the Buoys in the Oaze Edge to-night. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 32.*]

Dec. 20.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. This week came in a small vessel of this port from Alicante. Going in there she was chased by a Turk two hours, but was preserved by two English merchantmen near her of some force. A small vessel with provisions for Scilly is here waiting for a wind. Sixteen or seventeen others are detained by cross winds. Several vessels are laden out of this port with corn for the Canaries, Holland, &c., yet corn is at a very ordinary price. Wind S.S.E. [*Ibid. No. 33.*]

Dec. 20.
Swansea.

John Man to Williamson. By a vessel arrived last Saturday from Coombe, we are informed of a Londoner from Lisbon put into Watermouth within two miles of Coombe, which lost her cables and anchors in the storm, being bound for Bristol. She reports of another Londoner, also from Lisbon, being lost at sea four days before, the men being saved by another vessel, and that three great vessels are driven under Lundy Island, one a great Dutchman, but what the others are is not known, but all are supposed to be strangers, and ride there at anchor till the storm be over. About ten miles hence some casks of tallow and rugs are come ashore, which gives a suspicion of some rich vessel being cast away. Some vessels arrived at Barnstaple from market report they were in company of 60 French Bankers with four men-of-war, their convoy, who met with a fleet of Spaniards that took all the Bankers, but how true we cannot certainly learn. [*Ibid. No. 34.*]

Dec. 20.
Whitehall.

The King to the Master and Fellows of Sidney Sussex College. Recommending Richard Lake, M.A., of that College for the first vacant foundation Fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 20.*]

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Licence to Roger Price to travel for three years. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 101.*]

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Privy Seal for 300*l.* to Sir Gabriel Silvius, going as Envoy Extraordinary to Holland, with a clause for discharging Alderman Backwell of 100*l.* paid by him to the said Sir G. Silvius in Holland, in pursuance of the Lord Treasurer's directions for releasing several prisoners of war. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 20.
The Council
Chamber,
Dublin.

Proclamation by the Lords Justices and Council, after reciting that his Majesty has granted a warrant for a grant or demise of all his revenue in Ireland to Sir James Shaen, Sir William Petty, William Hill, William Ryder, Robert Gorges, Thomas Hoare, Francis Soane, William Muschamp, Edward Richbell, Stanhop Mill, Lawrence Stanion, and William Hanway for seven years from next Christmas and has also directed by like warrant a commission to be passed under the Great Seal of England, to appoint the persons therein named to be Chief Commissioners of the Revenue of Ireland to prevent any loss or damage which may happen before the passing of the said intended grant, and that the said commission with the said annexed warrant may not arrive soon

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enough from England for the said commissioners to settle the officers that will be necessary to be appointed for managing the revenue from Christmas next, appointing five of the said commissioners, being those now in residing in Ireland, to be commissioners of the revenue till the arrival of the said commission from England, and empowering them in the meantime to appoint such officers as they shall think fit for receiving and managing the revenue from Christmas next, till further course be taken therein by the said commissioners after the arrival of the said commission. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 309, p. 422.]

Dec. 21. Sir J. Barekman Leyenbergh to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, who has been his footman for almost three years. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 35.]

Dec. 21. Sir Philip Musgrave to Williamson. Since my coming hither
Edenhal. the short days and violent stormy weather have kept me at home, and others from coming, so I can give you little account of affairs in these parts. I should not have so often moved his Majesty and his Royal Highness about the condition of Carlisle, if I did not suppose the King and kingdom's service much concerned therein, and I shall never put into the balance with these my own particular advantage. It is high time somewhat were resolved. I beseech you put his Highness in mind to move his Majesty in it. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

Dec. 21. Richard Potts to Williamson. No news here, for the high winds
Stockton. at S.W. have kept several vessels of the place coming from Holland. [*Ibid.* No. 37.]

Dec. 21. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind is now southerly, yet none
Harwich. of our packet-boats have arrived. Weather dark and rainy. [*Ibid.* No. 38.]

Dec. 21. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.S.W. We have had
Portsmouth. nothing but sad storms this week. No shipping can stir. [*Ibid.* No. 39.]

Dec. 21. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Only two ships have arrived
Plymouth. since my last. The weather has been for about eight days very tempestuous. We have advice of an Ostend ship laden with chesnuts cast away at Bude Bay near the Earl of Bath's house, and of another cast away on Scilly, a big ship. All the men were drowned but four. We also have advice that much wreck is seen floating near Falmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 40.] *Enclosed,*
List of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 40.]

Dec. 21. John Powell to James Hickes. Shipping news. The weather
Milford. continues very bad with high winds. Just now comes the news of two considerable vessels cast away near this, one from the Canaries, the men all saved, the other driven upon the rocks and broken in pieces, the men and goods all lost. [*Ibid.* No. 41.]

Dec. 21. Warrant for a new grant to Sir Edmund Wyndham for his life of
Whitehall. the offices of Knight Marshal and Marshal of the Marshalsea on his surrender of the former letters patent to him of 1 Oct., 1667. [*Precedents* 1, f. 124.]

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An account of the value of all the gold and silver bullion coined in the Mint from 20 Dec., 1648, to 21 Dec., 1675, with the yearly medium thereof.

Coined.	Gold.			Silver.			Total Value.			Yearly Medium.		
	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
From 20 Dec., 1648, to 21 June, 1660, being 11½ years	94,100	4	0	204,353	9	8	298,463	13	8	25,952	9	1
From 20 June, 1660, to 21 Dec., 1666, being 6½ years.	234,401	2	4	173,929	17	6	408,330	19	10	62,820	3	0
Since the late Act for encouraging of coinage.												
From 20 Dec., 1666, to 21 Dec., 1667.	111,756	13	2½	53,385	12	4	165,142	5	6½	242,115	4	7½
From 20 Dec., 1667, to 21 Dec., 1668.	211,851	7	9½	122,707	14	4	334,559	4	1½			
From 20 Dec., 1668, to 21 Dec., 1669.	114,921	2	6½	46,397	11	5	161,318	13	11½			
From 20 Dec., 1669, to 21 Dec., 1670.	111,976	16	0½	132,580	0	6	244,556	16	6½			
From 20 Dec., 1670, to 21 Dec., 1671.	184,836	7	2½	124,171	4	8½	309,007	11	10½			
From 20 Dec., 1671, to 21 Dec., 1672.	82,749	3	8½	273,989	11	8½	356,738	15	5½			
From 20 Dec., 1672, to 21 Dec., 1673.	121,095	8	7½	304,929	12	6½	426,025	1	2½			
From 20 Dec., 1673, to 21 Dec., 1674.	83,371	1	2½	41,187	11	4½	124,558	12	6½			
From 20 Dec., 1674, to 21 Dec., 1675.	51,375	16	6½	5,75½	3	7½	57,130	0	2½			
Total of the nine years- - -	1,073,933	16	10½	1,105,103	4	6½	2,179,037	1	5½			

[S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376 No. 42.]

Dec. 22. T. Aslaby to Williamson. No news, most ships being laid up, and these winds hinder the return of those that are abroad, two or three at most in a week passing by to the northward. We hear of a ship of this town laden with wines lost upon the French coast. [Ibid. No. 43.]

Dec. 22. Richard Bower to Williamson. Last night came in here a packet-boat from Holland. The passengers report several vessels lost on that coast, some laden with corn, others from Bordeaux with wines. We have not in the least suffered by these winds either in our ships or goods. The master and four men of a Newcastle ship at anchor in our Roads came ashore in their boat to get two carpenters here to help them in some work aboard. They having got two towards evening put off to go aboard, but, the wind blowing hard, they could not fetch their ship, and are all given up for lost. We are well stored with speeches and votes, as the Earl of Shaftesbury's, the Duke of Buckingham's, Sir John Holland's and the Test, so that no endeavours are wanting to make the Court odious to the people, and all men being dissatisfied are too credulous,

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so that now but to accuse is sufficient to condemn. The want of your *Letters of Intelligence* and *Gazettes* to pleasure others makes me more barren to serve you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 44.]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. About daybreak this morning the Dutch ships fired near 100 guns, which alarmed our inhabitants, most people concluding they were in great dangers, but at last we understood it was their New Year's Day.

Many knights and very great gentlemen are making their interest in all our port towns to get to be Parliament men, for now all the discourse is that his Majesty intends to call a new Parliament. Knights for the shire are busy making their party, and this is done publicly, which makes everybody believe that suddenly his Majesty will issue writs for that purpose.

This morning the Calais packet-boat came into the Downs with divers passengers, but not any news, unless it be about the great loss of shipping they hear of there.

Not a boat from any ship these three days, but now more moderate weather, more than a topsail gale at S. and S. and by E., and some few boats ashore. [*Ibid.* No. 45.]

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Extract from the journal of Captain William Faseby, commander of the *Charles* yacht in his voyage to Holland with Sir L. Jenkins. 22 Dec. about 12 or 1 we came into the Maes, where a Holland man-of-war saluted us with five guns with his pendant flying, and we fired two shot to make him strike it. At the second he struck and saluted us with five more guns, as likewise the men-of-war at the Brill saluted us with their pendants struck, and about 3 or 4 p.m. we arrived at Rotterdam. The 23rd about 9, the Ambassador went ashore, they saluting him with several guns. [*Ibid.* No. 46.]

Dec. 22.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Sir Gilbert Talbot, Master of the Jewel House, desiring that he may contract for 435*l.* 1*d.* *per annum* of fee-farm rents in Yorkshire and Cumberland in reversion after the Queen. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 70.]

Dec. 22.
Whitehall.

Proclamation touching passes and sea-briefs. In consequence of the evils caused by employing the passes or sea-briefs granted for securing the vessels of subjects trading to the Mediterranean for protecting foreign ships, declaring that no pass or sea-brief dated before or since 1 Jan. last shall remain in force any longer than 1 May next, and that other passes in the form now established shall on demand and without charge be delivered by the Secretary of the Admiralty to the parties interested on their giving security for delivering up their former passes within 6 months after receiving the new ones, and further declaring that no pass or sea-brief hereafter granted (save where the ships shall be bound to Guinea or the East or West Indies) shall remain in force longer than one year from the date thereof, and that all passes and sea-briefs henceforth to be granted for ships trading to the Mediterranean shall be printed in the same form wherein they were issued by the Duke of York, when Lord High Admiral, with the day, month and year of the date in words at length and not in figures, passes or sea-briefs produced after the said 1 May next in any other form to be void. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Proclamations* 3, p. 341.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 47.]

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Dec. 22.
Whitehall.

Proclamation. After reciting that by the late peace between his Majesty and the government of Algiers, his Majesty agreed that none of his subjects on any English vessel should for the future be taken and sold as slaves or their goods made prize by any subjects of Algiers, and also that any of his subjects on foreign ships as passengers only and having authentic passports testifying the same should have the like freedom for their persons and goods, and that divers subjects conceal the ships of foreigners, with whom the government of Algiers is at war, by either wholly navigating such ships or serving in the same as mariners or soldiers, which gives just cause of complaint from the said government, and will endanger the security intended for the ships, persons and estates of his subjects; forbidding all subjects to navigate vessels of foreigners at war with the said government or to serve thereon, and declaring that, if any such be taken, his Majesty will not require any release of their persons or estates from the said government, and that they must expect to be excluded from the benefit of the said articles. [Printed. *S.P. Dom., Proclamations* 3, p. 342.]

Dec. 23.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind at last getting southerly, one of our packet-boats left the Brill yesterday and was here by noon, but I can hear no news. Sir Anthony Deane was last Tuesday sworn our mayor here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 48.]

Dec. 23.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.S.E. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 49.]

Dec. 23.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. Yesterday came in here the *Concord* of London in 14 days from Lisbon. She came thence alone and met with no ships, but much foul weather. She has on board the body of Mr. Coulson, an English merchant, that lived there several years, and had got an estate of 15 or 16 thousand pounds sterling. He was resolved to home in this ship, and had settled all his estate accordingly, and made his will, in which he gave only 2,000*l.* a piece to his two sisters, and all the rest of his estate to the poor of the parish where he was born, which is some parish in Bristol. He also had taken leave of all his friends and English merchants for several days together, but man appoints and God disappoints, for, as he was at the water-side, taking boat to go on board, Hutchison, an Englishman, that lives there, came and privately stabbed him with a knife, and so ran to the church. He lived five or six hours after, and so died to the great trouble of all his friends. His body is now embalmed on board this ship, and they say the King will have justice done to the fellow though he ran to sanctuary.

We have had very tempestuous weather for several days, the wind most at S., which has occasioned, as we hear, several wrecks about the Lizard, as appears by several pieces of timber and chests coming ashore, some China oranges and musical instruments, by which they judge it to be some ship from Lisbon, and some report it to be the *Charles* of London, but no certainty. [*Ibid.* No. 50.]

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Dec. 23. Verdict of an Inquisition holden in return to a writ of *ad quod*
Beaminster. *damnum*, concerning a proposed grant to George Penne and his
heirs of a fair to be held from 18 to 25 May in every year at
Tollar Wilme Downes, in the parish of Corscombe, Dorset, that
such a grant would not be to the prejudice of the King or of any one
else or of any other fair or market. Prefixed is the said writ dated
8 Dec. [*Law Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 51.*]
- Dec. 23. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Warrant, after
Whitehall. reciting the letter of 25 Aug. last, calendared *ante*, p. 272, for raising
1,000 foot, 200 whereof were to be added in two companies to the
Regiment of Guards, and the rest formed into a regiment to be
commanded by Major-General Sir George Monro and also for
raising three troops of horse, and a letter of the 11th instant from
the Treasury Commissioners of the state of the revenue and the
late supply, making it appear that the new levied troops cannot long
be maintained without an extraordinary burden to the people;
authorizing and requiring them with all possible speed to give
orders for disbanding the said foot regiment and the said three
troops except 100 men to be chosen out of the several companies,
which are to be formed into a new company and added to the
regiment of Guards, and who are to be distributed amongst the
companies of the Earl of Linlithgow's regiment, till they be formed
into a new company, and further to give the necessary orders for
their rendezvous at the times and places of their disbanding, to
appoint all musters to be carefully looked after at their disbanding,
and to take care that the arms of the said regiment be delivered
and laid up again in Edinburgh Castle. [2 pages. *S.P. Scotland,*
Warrant Book 3, p. 377.]
- Dec. 23. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Whitehall. After reciting the last letter, authorizing and requiring them to use
all possible diligence in causing the said regiment and troops to be
fully paid the allowances granted them in their establishment at
the times and places appointed for their disbanding, and they are
to take special care that the country be completely paid all just
accounts due to them for quarterings, corn, &c., and returning them
a new commission for auditing their accounts.—
As to the finishing of Holyrood House, we approve of the finishing
of it. You shall therefore make an estimate of the charge of it, and
we will send you a warrant for the same. In the meantime you
are presently to cut off all unnecessary allowances and expenses,
that it may be finished with the least possible charge. [*Ibid.*
p. 379.]
- Dec. 23. Warrant for a commission appointing 13 persons therein named
Whitehall. commissioners to audit the accounts of the Commissioners of the
Treasury in Scotland from August 1671, the time of the last fitted
account, to 1 August, 1675. [2½ pages. *Ibid. p. 380.*]
- Dec. 24. Consent by the Duke of Monmouth that Thomas Chapman, B.A.
Whitehall. of Pembroke Hall, who has been given the direction of a school at
Gilsborough, Northants, for the holding whereof it is requisite he
should be an M.A., and desires his Majesty's dispensation, as he

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wants a year for taking his degree according to the Statutes, apply himself to the Secretaries of State for obtaining his Majesty's letters. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 876, No. 52.]

Dec. 24.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. We have advice from the westward that much wreck is seen floating on the coast, and that a Dutch ship, laden with lemons and oranges, is cast away upon the Lizard. [*Ibid.* No. 53.] *Enclosed, The said list.* [*Ibid.* No. 53 i.]

Dec. 24.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. We have news of a small vessel of FaImouth that in her voyage to Alicante with pilchards was, 30 Sept. last, taken by a Turks man-of-war and carried into Sallee with 8 men and boys, who are now there in slavery. Wind S.W. [*Ibid.* No. 54.]

Dec. 24.
Milford.

John Powell to James Hickes. The *Providence* of Southampton from Alicante with fruit was by contrary winds driven into this harbour, where she lay one night in much danger, but is since by the help of boats brought into safety not without some damage. Last Monday near this harbour was cast away the *Rose* of Helford from the Canaries. The men were all saved and about 20 pipes of Canary wine. Much wreck comes daily ashore in those parts, and the wind and weather continue very violent. The *Tangier* frigate I formerly gave you an account of, is still in port waiting for a fair wind for London. [*Ibid.* No. 55.]

Dec. 25.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. We have no tidings of two of our packet-boats, which should have been in course before that which came in last Thursday. Wind continues southerly. [*Ibid.* No. 56.]

Dec. 25.
Bristol.

Certificate by Sir Robert Cann, Mayor, and four Aldermen of Bristol, that the thirty mariners lately taken by the 'Turks in the ship *Bristol Merchant*, landed at Cape Bon and thence sent to Tripoli, are inhabitants of the city, and have left their poor families in great destitution and quite unable to redeem them; given in order to their obtaining assistance towards their redemption. [*Ibid.* No. 57.]

Annexed,
List of the names of the above captive seamen, with the numbers of their families. [*Ibid.* No. 57 i.]

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H[erbert] A[ubrey] to his brother, Herbert Westfaling. The private fire, which has been so cunningly hid and stifled all this while, is now broke out into an open flame, and the close designing party, as if they were infallibly assured of a Parliament to be dissolved and a new one chosen and their men and interest invincible, have already cantoned out the employments of the members for an ensuing Parliament. After the cabal had met at Stoke, they went to Croft, and attempted to secure the Bishop, and have done it effectually against them, for, after they told him what persons they judged fit to serve, he told them he was far from being for them, and that he must and would be against them. The names of those they hold fit to serve are:—for the County, Lord Scudamore and Sir Edward Harley; for Hereford, Mr. Gregory and Mr. Foley; for Leominster,

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Sir Herbert Croft and Mr. James Pitt; for Weobly, Col. Birch and Mr. Baskerville of Eardisley. Sir Herbert Croft, seeing so partial proceedings, secured his neighbours first at home, and came last Monday to Hereford. On Tuesday he went to Ho[l]m, and there met Sir E. Harley and Mr. Gregory, who have engaged my Lord so far that Sir Herbert could not get any satisfactory answer from him, though he made as friendly a tender of his service as was imaginable. This proving ineffectual, he returned to Hereford, to which he had sent to several gentlemen to come. Six deputy lieutenants and four other justices were present. The resolves of all were, that all gentlemen secure their interests, till it appear that the new members are to be chosen, and the gentlemen of the country to design who shall serve. This method dislikes Sir Edward, who has complained at Croft of Sir Herbert's intent to exclude him, and would fain come in now at Leominster, but that is unlikely, nor is he willing that Lord Scudamore should depend on the gentry (which, if he do not, he will hazard a shock) but owns he is engaged and will serve him. Thus you see what is the design of those that do not love the Church, and, I fear, are not well pleased with the present State. An essay of the first appeared on oath to us at our meeting. Tom. Broad being examined proved that Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Foley's chaplain, said, Mr. Westfaling should not serve for Hereford, nor Sir John Barneby nor Sir Thomas Williams for Weobly, that the Bishops should be excluded, that they were a dead weight, and that, whenever they gave their voices for themselves or by proxies, for the most part they were on the Crown side. This examination is taken before seven Justices, six of whom subscribed a warrant for Mr. Hopkins' apprehension, but it was not executed, but a letter was sent him to appear, which he did, and promised to find sureties to appear at the assizes and to be of good behaviour. He has not yet performed what he promised, and, I believe, the warrant must go out yet. You see what is designed, and how far the design is likely to be frustrated. No labour of mine shall be wanting to put a stop to the endeavours of those, who, I am confident, would disturb the government. Communicate this to all your good friends in London, and desire them to send down to secure their friends, that they be not drawn away. Tell Ned Cornwall I have had no letter from him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 58.*]

Dec. 26.
Oxford.

François de la Motte to Williamson. Thanking him effusively for the five pieces he has sent him by the Bishop of Lincoln, adding that he reads English passably and understands books, and that he is even given ground to hope that he will pronounce it well enough for the chair. [*French. Ibid. No. 59.*]

Dec. 26.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The violent winds continue at S.S.E., and the seas swell so much that it is very dangerous to go off, though some vessels have made wafts, some broke one cable, and others received inconsiderable damage. The East India English ships now here ride in or near Margate Road, and have smooth water there, and several other merchantmen are with them. The Dutch East India ships yet in the Downs ride it out. Of English and foreigners there are above 120 sail, yet not one ship broke loose. [*Ibid. No. 60.*]

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Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day came in a mail from Flanders in a storm at S.E., which has been very extreme, but notwithstanding the great fleet in the Downs all ride well. Many ships come in, but we cannot give account of what they are till the storm is over.

Postscript.—Since I wrote, a Dutch man-of-war of about 30 or 40 guns is come in. [Dated 6 Dec., but there is another letter of Lodge's of that date, and the postmark on this is 27 Dec. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 61.]

Dec. 26.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.S.E. We continue to have very stormy weather, which has been for many days past, but do not hear on this coast of any sea losses this whole winter. [*Ibid.* No. 62.]

Dec. 26.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. All along the coast to the westward both on the south and north we hear of several ships cast away, in Mount's Bay five or six rudders being driven ashore, it not being known what ships they come from, no men being saved. Several are cast away near Padstow, the Land's End and near Falmouth, so that the sea is full of wrecks. Here yesterday three ships were cast away to the westward of the Royal Citadel, one a Dutchman laden with salt, one of Hull from Bordeaux with wine and brandy, and the other a Dover Dunkirk ship. Five ships are arrived in Catwater to-day, it being a storm we know not what they are. We daily expect to hear of more wrecks. [*Ibid.* No. 63.]

Dec. 26.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. The ships I wrote of last continue here still, the weather having been a long time very stormy, which has occasioned, they say, several wrecks. Wednesday came in the *Concord* of London, after much hazard from Lisbon, and three or four on Thursday, the *Alicante Merchant* of Plymouth with fruits, which lost her rudder off Scilly and was like to be cast away at the Lizard, but was by wonderful Providence preserved, being cast off the rocks by the sea, the tide being ebb, one Ousley of Plymouth from the Canaries and one from Bordeaux, which gives a sad relation of the continual barbarousness of the soldiers there. Last night came in a great vessel from the Canaries, which came out with several others, but they were dispersed by the storms. [*Ibid.* No. 64.]

Dec. 27.

Sir R. Franklin to Williamson. I received the six dozen of as good wine as I dare say ever was drunk. Brother Kit, your gossip, my wife and I, who are much your servants, daily drink your good health, of which I hope you find the good effect. May you be as well and happy as I wish. [*Ibid.* No. 65.]

Dec. 27.
Moore.

Sir Christopher Musgrave to [Williamson]. Your commands were no sooner received than communicated to Mr. Knatchbull, the Lord Chancellor's secretary, who, I hope, by your interposing, will be prevailed on not to commissionate Aglionby, that has been branded by the King and Council, nor that my father's recommendation shall bring a disgrace upon Mr. Skelton and Mr. Browham (Brougham) by turning them out of commission. I perceive it has been insinuated they are not qualified. I am certain my father will

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- Dec. 27. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day we have a very violent
Deal. storm at S. and by E. Some ships are forced from their anchors, and are making for Ramsgate Pier, and several drive, especially two of the greatest of the Dutch East India ships, whose anchors came home to the great fear of what might happen thereby. [*Ibid. No. 67.*]
- Dec. 27. Hugh Acland to Williamson. I have nothing of late to acquaint
Truro. you with but the continued storms we have had, which still continue, by means whereof it is supposed there may be several wrecks. [*Ibid. No. 68.*] *Enclosed,*
John Jeffery to Hugh Acland. Yesterday and Friday were cast away in our bay nine ships, some belonging to Apson (Topsham), some to Foy, some to the Allawaite (Isle of Wight) and some to Hull. 26 Dec. Marazion. [Fragment. Ibid. No. 681.]
- Dec. 27. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 23rd came in the *Alicante*
Falmouth. *Merchant* of Plymouth from Alicante. Four more came out with her, which she lost 10 days before she came in. After she came into the Channel, she had a cruel storm, wind S., in which she lost her rudder and received some leaks, so that in much danger she recovered this harbour. There was a certain report there, before they came away, that the people at Madrid had cried "Long live Don John of Austria," and that the King had sent for him to Court, contrary to the Queen's inclination or her party's. They also say that the Dutch are endeavouring by all possible means to make a peace with Argier, and, to induce that government to it, they tell them that the English have now all the trade in the Straits, and that, if they break with them, they cannot want prizes, but for all that they are not inclinable to it. The 27th came in the *Providence* of London from the Canaries. She says they have made a good vintage, yet wines are very dear, and that many ships were come in laden with corn, which made the price fall much. We hear of many wrecks betwixt this and the Land's End. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]
- Dec. 27. Commission for Theophilus Blechingdon, late ensign to Capt. Charles Middleton, to be ensign to Capt. George Littleton's company of foot in the Duke of York's regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 148.*]
- Dec. 27. Commission for Edward Brett to be ensign to Capt. Charles Middleton's company in the same regiment. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- Dec. 27. Commission for Timothy Brien to be quarter-master of the
Whitehall. Holland regiment commanded by the Earl of Mulgrave. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 19.*]
- Dec. 27. Warrant to Sir John Vowell (Fowell) to preserve the game within
Whitehall. six miles of Fowell's Combe, parish of Ugbrooke, Devon. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 102.*]

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Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Friday and Saturday six vessels of this place arrived from Rotterdam. They all speak of violent storms and much shipwreck on the Holland coast. The wind has been eastward of south the last five or six days, with showers, now S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 70.*]

Dec. 28.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. After mine last Saturday the two packet-boats which had been so long wanting arrived and the third by noon on Sunday, which left the Brill the day before, but they brought little or no news. Yesterday was very stormy, to-day very calm, but the wind southerly both days. [*Ibid. No. 71.*]

Dec. 28.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday happened a violent storm at S.S.E., at least 120 ships being in the Downs. In it four small vessels and a pink broke loose and went to sea, and one more got into Ramsgate pier. There is great care for the five former. In the storm the Dutch East India Admiral's anchors came home, and she drove into the midst of our ships, but did no considerable harm. The boatswain, being very forward and careful, missing his hold tumbled overboard and was drowned. Two Dutch men-of-war came in even now. A topsail gale at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 72.*]

Dec. 28.
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. The storm yesterday continued till 12 last night and then abated, and to-day we have very fine weather, and the ships that were forced from their anchors are come into the Downs again to get their anchors and cables. Another Dutch man-of-war came in from the westward which met with very bad weather, so that he was not able to bear sail, but came in with his topmast down. There has been very little damage here. [*Ibid. No. 73.*]

Dec. 28.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. We have had little else but stormy weather these many days, yet do not know of any sea losses. [*Ibid. No. 74.*]

Dec. 28.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. To-day arrived a French man-of-war of 54 guns, which was like to be cast away, but now is got into Catwater. I saw to-day a letter from Mount's Bay giving an account that many of the Bordeaux fleet were cast away there in this storm, so many that the writer could not give an account of the number, the bay being at least 20 miles round. The general discourse in these parts is of wrecks. [*Ibid. No. 75.*] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid. No. 75 I.*]

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Account that James Gooden of Sittingbourne and a seaman on that day related that the King was either murdered or desperately wounded by the Duke of York, and that the Duke was fled into France, and that the whole city of London was up in arms, but that they said, when questioned, that they had the relation from two men that came from London that same day, who live at Sandwich or thereabouts, who said it was very true, since they had it from a kinsman of the King's secretary. The said parties would very willingly have pursued those that first related the story, but the constable who had them in custody refused to let them have liberty,

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and would not pursue them himself. The minister of the parish of Sittingbourne and several others can testify the same. *Noted*, as received from Mr. George Legg, 1 Jan., 1675-6. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 376, No. 76.]

Dec. 28. *Caveat* by desire of Lord Townshend that no grant pass of the bonds *alias* portbonds forfeited for coals exported till his Lordship have notice. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 45, p. 19.]

[Dec. ?] Request by Lord Townshend that the above *caveat* be entered. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 376, No. 77.]

Dec. 28. Thomas Burrowes to Williamson. Shipping news. We have had much stormy weather on this coast. Last Saturday was cast away at Dunourley (Dunworly) Bay eight miles from this a small vessel of Youghal laden with oranges and lemons; all the men saved. [*S.P. Ireland*, *Car. II.* 335, No. 206.]

[Dec. ?] Elizabeth, relict of Thomas, Lord Clifford, to the Queen. Petition showing that the Queen had granted and commanded her trustees to grant (who were also authorized by the King) to Ralph Freeman in trust for the petitioner's husband a reversionary lease for 31 years of the lead mines in the wapentake of Wirksworth, Derbyshire, and the lot and cop there with the office of bar-master, and that he has since died, leaving the petitioner with nine children indifferently provided for, and praying for a further lease of the premises for 40 years after the said 31 years. *At the foot*,

Dec. 29. *Permission from her Majesty for the petitioner to endeavour for the*
Whitehall. *King's authorizing her Majesty's trustees to grant such further term as is petitioned for.* [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 376, No. 78.]

Dec. 29. [T. Aslaby] to Williamson. We see now and then some small
Bridlington. vessels passing, some corn laden for Newcastle and Sunderland, and others coal laden. Wind S.W. and gallant weather for the time of year. [*Ibid.* No. 79.]

Dec. 29. The King to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge
Whitehall. to be communicated to the Senate there. Recommending for the degree of M.A., to be immediately conferred on him, Thomas Chapman, B.A., of Pembroke Hall, who has had the direction of a school granted him at Gilsborough, Northamptonshire, for which he is not qualified, unless he has taken the degree of M.A., for which he wants a year according to the Statutes. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 47, p. 21.]

Dec. 29. Warrant to the Earl of Arlington, Lord Chamberlain, to preserve
Whitehall. the game within ten miles of Euston, Suffolk. Minute. [*Home Office*, *Warrant Book* 1, p. 102.]

Dec. 29. Proclamation ordering the suppression, after 10 Jan. next, of all
Whitehall. public coffee-houses, for sale of coffee, chocolate, sherbet or tea, and the withdrawal of their licences, these houses having produced evil consequences from idle and disaffected persons resorting to them, and by leading tradesmen and others to mis-spend their time, and occasioning the spreading of false reports to the defamation of the Government and the disturbance of the peace of the realm. [*Printed.* *S.P. Dom.*, *Proclamations* 3, p. 343.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 376, No. 80.]

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Bobbing
Court.

Sir George Moore to Williamson. Yesterday I had notice of two men living at Sandwich that lay the night before at the Swan at Sittingbourne, and reported for a certainty that the King and the Duke of York had a falling out, and that the Duke had stabbed or wounded the King so that he was either dead or dying, and that the Duke was fled into France, and that the whole city of London was up in arms and much more to this purpose. I granted out my warrant for apprehending the master of the house in whose company it was spoken, and who reported it himself the next day, and the two originators of this discourse, but, they being gone on their journey, I have the master of the house ready to bring them forthcoming, when I shall have answer to this. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 81.*]

Dec. 30.
Egham.

Information of Lambert Barringer, junior, that William Venden of that parish about two months ago killed a hind calf in that parish, and that the informant had helped Venden to carry it to his house. [*Ibid. No. 82.*]

Dec. 30.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind, what there is, is most westerly. No packet-boat from Holland since my last. [*Ibid. No. 83.*]

Dec. 30.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 84.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 84.*]

Dec. 30.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 27th came in the *St. Peter* of London with nuts from Bordeaux. They report that the soldiers remain there still to the charge of the inhabitants and much to the hindrance of trade. No wines are to be had there, the merchants being afraid to go into the country to buy, and what is in the city the soldiers will [not] let go, so that ships must either come away without freight, or take such goods as they can have. The 29th came in here the *Serpent*, a French man-of-war of 12 guns, bound for the West Indies on some particular business for the King. The *Quaker* ketch came in from Tangier. She has been driven away in the last storms as she was cruising off that place. [*Ibid. No. 85.*]

Dec. 30.
Bristol.

Sir John Knight to Williamson. On behalf of the wives and children of the crew of the *Bristol Merchant* taken by pirates of Tripoli (see *ante*, p. 460), begging him to be a means that on a peace with these pirates they may be released, or that such other method may be used for their redemption as shall be thought fit. Two of the poor women are going on behalf of the rest to apply themselves at Whitehall. [*Ibid. No. 86.*]

Dec. 30.
Swansea.

John Man to Williamson. The storms continue here with much violence, which gives us daily news of vessels being cast away. One of 40 tons, of Bordeaux, bound homewards from the West Indies with tobacco and indigo, was cast away last Saturday in Oxwich Bay, six miles westward of this. The men were saved and part of the loading, besides what the country stole. The men were so feeble, having had no meat for several days, that they were forced to be carried on shore on men's backs. A considerable vessel was cast away betwixt Newport and Bristol, laden with logwood, elephants' teeth, &c., and 14 men were drowned. Some say they were from Guinea, some from Jamaica, bound for London. Near Milford a Canary

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vessel was cast away, the men saved and part of the goods came ashore. Another vessel near the same place with sherry from Cadiz was cast away and men and goods all lost. Three or four colliers coming from Bridgwater and Minehead to Wales to load coal were cast away on the Welsh Grounds, and one laden collier just by this town was split to pieces, the men of all of them saved. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 376, *No.* 87.]

Dec. 30.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Barbara, Countess of Suffolk, praying a lease for 99 years of some Crown lands now in lease for 31 years, without fine, paying the reserved rent from the time of her entering on them. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, *p.* 71.]

Dec. 30.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Ralph Pigot, for a grant of the arrears of hearth money in Cornwall, due at Lady Day and Michaelmas 1663, in the hands of the then sheriffs or high constables, amounting to about 500*l.* [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 30.
Whitehall.

Certificate by Williamson that Bevill Skelton, appointed Envoyé Extraordinary to the Emperor, took leave of his Majesty the 29th. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, *p.* 102.]

Dec. 30.
Jersey.

J. Poingd[estre] to Sir T. Morgan, governor of Jersey. I wrote to you not long since on an occasion which seemed favourable to remove the impost on Jersey stockings, but I believe the letter found you not at London, so we were deprived of your assistance.

There is another very pressing cause to renew the trouble we meant to put upon you, for your passports are slighted and our merchants and seamen exceedingly abused by those small picaroons, Ostenders or Biscayners, which are everywhere about us, so that it seems almost impossible to avoid them, as you will see by the testimonials herewith. You are too good a friend to this your government, and too well acquainted with the dishonour to his Majesty and prejudice to his subjects by such barbarous villains, not to be effectually sensible thereof, so I request you in the name of us all to assist Mr. Vice-Chamberlain in the necessary addresses to his Majesty for a fitting and full remedy to this evil. Doubtless he will be moved to any reasonable remedy proposed, the speediness therein is what concerns us most, for our commerce is almost at a stand, our merchants are so disheartened. [*S.P. Channel Islands* 9, *No.* 32.]

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The Commissioners for rebuilding St. Paul's to the King. Petition, they having hitherto in laying the foundations used the old stone only, but being now about to contract for a quantity of new Portland stone for carrying on the work next summer, praying liberty for themselves or those they contract with to raise stone in his Majesty's quarry in the Isle of Portland or elsewhere on his common there, and to bring the same from thence, they paying the same duty as by other quarrymen there has been accustomed.

And, whereas great sums have been expended by the Commissioners both in the former and the late repairs, and in making, maintaining and repairing the piers, cranes and ways thereto for bringing away the stone, which yet by the promiscuous use of them by all persons who send stone from thence, have been so worn out

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that it has been a perpetual charge to them to repair them, and they are at present so ruinous that it will be a considerable expense to put them in order, the Commissioners have resolved (if it seem good to his Majesty) to put them in good repair and to leave them in the guard of whomsoever they shall contract with to furnish them with stone, they being obliged to maintain them during the contract, and in the meantime to pay yearly 10*l.* per cent. for all that shall be expended on the present repairs and so in proportion for a less sum or shorter time, and further praying in consideration thereof power to themselves or those they shall contract with to take a reasonable duty, not exceeding 4*d.* a ton, from all that shall use the said piers, cranes and ways for transporting stone, during the rebuilding of the cathedral, excepting only such stone as shall be brought from thence for his Majesty's own buildings. *At the foot,*

Dec. 31.
Whitehall.

Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. On the back,

His report in favour of the petitioners, and

Further reference to the Lord High Treasurer, his Majesty having been satisfied by the above report as to the point of law, to consider the convenience or inconvenience it may be to his service to gratify the petitioners. 4 Feb., 1675-6.

Whitehall. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 87 A.]

Other copies of both the above references and of the above report. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 72 and p. 82.]

[Dec. ?]

Nicholas Oudart, Latin Secretary, to the King. Petition for a lease of Seawood Park, near Musland, Lancashire, for 99 years at the ancient rent of 4*l.* a year, now at his Majesty's disposal as appertaining to the Crown of old, the petitioner having faithfully served the Crown since his youth, and being a great sufferer, and being now with his family reduced to very great straits. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 88.] *Annexed,*

Note by Cuthbert Gerard that a lease of Seawood Park at the ancient rent is most proper, because may be the tenants will attorn without suit, if not, a trial by ejectione firmæ will be cheaper than an information and trial after, and it is not secure to proceed by information, the Auditor justifying the rent to have been several times paid to the Crown. The King's right to what is past should be included, that a gain may be had out of the arrears. Endorsed, "Mr. Nicholas Oudart." [Ibid. No. 88 I.]

Note by the same that, if a park be grantable of very good land at a very small rent, the discoverers agree to give the procurer of the grant a third part of the profits of the park, a lease whereof is desired for 31 years. [Ibid. No. 88 II.]

Dec. 31. Reference thereof to the Lord High Treasurer. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 72.]

Dec. 31. Capt. John Mutlow to Williamson. Lord Craven has commanded me to acquaint you that the King has given orders for James Warde to be ensign to my company. My Lord entreats you to get the commission drawn to-day, as our muster begins to-morrow. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 89.]

Dec. 31. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.S.W. A small pink of Portsmouth. London homeward-bound from Bordeaux was forced in by stress of

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weather. The master reports above 100 sail came out together, all English for several English ports. Foul weather dispersed them. He knows of none that is miscarried. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 90.]

Dec. 31. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. The only news here is of wrecks. [*Ibid.* No. 91.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 91 r.]

Dec. 31. Thomas Bragg, gunner, and the carpenter and boatswain of the
The ketch to ———. Giving particulars of their meeting, 11 Nov., a
Quaker ketch, vessel, between Tangier and Rochelle, which hoisted French colours,
Falmouth. detained some of their men sent in a boat to her, then hoisted
Ostend colours, and ordered the ketch to strike her topsail, and, on
the captain's refusing, cut the ensign down without resistance by
the captain, who instead of fighting him commanded the topsail to
be struck and went aboard their vessel to the great dishonour of the
King. [*Ibid.* No. 92.]

[Dec. 31?] Establishment for pensions for reformed officers and disabled
soldiers from 31 Dec., 1675 exclusive, amounting to 3*l.* 9*s.* 7½*d.* *per*
diem and 1,270*l.* 5*s.* 6½*d.* *per annum*, with an additional allowance for
one extra day each leap year, with a revocation of the former
establishment of 4 Dec., 1674. *Sign manual.* *Countersigned,*
"Danby," "J. Williamson." [*Ibid.* No. 93.]

Dec. 31. Commission for Edmond Yarbrough to be lieutenant in Lieut.-
Col. John Churchill's company in the Duke of York's regiment.
Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, p. 148.]

Dec. 31. Commission to James Warde to be ensign to Captain Mutlow's
Whitehall. company in Lord Craven's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*S.P.*
Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 20.]

Dec. 31. Privy Seal, granting the 1,095*l.*, which Sir Thomas Samuel in
Whitehall. respect of his being made a baronet is obliged to pay, to Lord
Cornwallis. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 111.]

Friday Anne, Countess Marischal, to Williamson. The Duchess of
morning, Portsmouth forgot, when she saw you the day before yesterday,
Dec. [3, 10, speak to you of this, which she has desired me to write you of.
17, 24, 31]. She had requested his Majesty that on the removes of bishops, the
bearer, Mr. Hawkins, the minister of the Tower, might have one of
the first preferments, which the King has granted, and bid her let
you know it, that a *carcat* may be entered that none may go before
him. He christened the Duke of Richmond, and is a very honest
worthy man. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 94.]

Sunday E. Delaval to Williamson. The King received my petition last
morning, night very graciously, and told me he would read it, and give it
Dec. [5, 12, you, and that, except a pension, he would do anything in his
19, 26]. power for me, but, as for pensions, he was going to take them away.
I beg you will remind the King to give you the petition while the
business is fresh in his memory, and pray speak a good word or
two for me to persuade him I have no design on any timber trees.
I desire also you would dispatch my business as soon as you can,
that it may come before the Lord Treasurer now, whilst the Duke of
Albemarle is in town, who goes away next week, and who, I believe,
may prevail with the Lord Treasurer to be my friend. [*Ibid.* No. 95.]

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Dr. Richard Lee to the Earl of Carlisle. Requesting him to speak to Secretary Williamson, now in Council, in his favour, that he would so report the matter of his petition to the King, that he may have a grant of the deanery of Lincoln, when void by death or otherwise, the deanery being in the diocese where the writer lives, and the dean being fourscore years old. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 96.*]

[Dec.]

Secretary Coventry to the Earl of Carlisle. The King approves his nomination of Sir Richard Graham as deputy lieutenant of Cumberland and Westmorland, and Sir John Ballantine as deputy lieutenant of Cumberland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 147.*]

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Deal.

Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

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97	Dec. 1	2	11	0	W.	
98	" 2	2	11	1	W.	
99	" 3	2	11	2	W.	
100	" 4	2	13	0	W.	
101	" 5	2	13	0	S.W.	
102	" 6	2	14	0	N.W.	
103	" 7	2	14	3	N.W.	
104	" 8	2	14	0	N.W.	
105	" 10	2	18	1	S.W.	
106	" 11	1	19	3	S.W.	
107	" 12	1	25	2	S.W.	
108	" 13	2	28	0	S.W.	{ The <i>Mary Rose</i> just now arrived in the Downs.
109	" 14	2	28	2	S.W.	
110	" 15	3	28	0	—	
111	" 16	3	28	3	S.W.	
112	" 17	3	28	3	S.W.	
113	" 18	3	32	4	S.W.	
114	" 19	2	42	7	S.W.	{ All the outward- bound ships are remaining in the Downs. To-day came into the Downs the <i>Anna</i> and <i>Mary</i> from the Canaries.
115	" 20	1	42	4	S.W.	
116	" 21	1	42	2	S.W.	
117	" 22	1	—	—	S.W.	
118	" 23	1	42	0	S.	
119	" 24	1	42	0	S.W.	
120	" 25	—	—	—	S.S.E.	{ The same ships in the Downs as the 24 ^h .
121	" 26	1	42	0	S.	
122	" 27	—	—	—	S.S.W.	{ The same ships in the Downs as the 26 th . Stormy weather.
123	" 28	1	45	0	S.W.	
124	" 29	2	48	0	S.W.	
125	" 30	1	45	0	S.W.	

*Dated 23 Dec.

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March 10. Robert Clarke to Major Lindfield, M.P. [for Ipswich]. Richard Chandler, a lieutenant, this week took two men out of this town and four Scots, travellers, and carried them on board a vessel riding near Hollesley Bay, and said he had 16 more on board and was bound for Holland. Mr. Gawdy and Mr. Mann desire you to advise with Secretary Williamson, in case he should come ashore, as it is said he will, to Woodbridge and thereabouts to get more men, and to give directions about it. [*Last figure of year date illegible. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 126.*]

March 10. Statement by Jane Whitehorne that at six in the morning when
Stoke Nuton the King went by, a piece was shot off and broke her window.
(Newington). Thomas Ward and Thomas Woodman saw it. It came out of
Wilson's house. His wife suered (*sic*) a Frenchman. [*Dated 1675,*
probably new style. Ibid. No. 127.]

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March 18. Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I have received yours of the
Newmarket. 17th with the enclosures as well from the Lord Keeper, Lord
Treasurer and yourself as the relation of what passed in the
Common Council on the 12th. His Majesty hopes that Saturday
will compose this business, at least give it a better aspect than it
has, but I do not find him as yet inclined to anticipate his return
for the reasons in the enclosed letter, but he concurs that there
ought to be a Council, and after that a Common Council before the
middle of Passion week, but thinks that may be as well done if
the Lord Keeper order a Council and send a summons both to
Mayor and Aldermen and such as are to represent the Common
Council to appear there by Saturday, the 27th, at 4 p.m., at which
time his Majesty will be there. This is the substance of the
enclosed letter. [*Ibid. No. 128.*]

March 20. Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I have received yours of the
Newmarket. 19th and am much in apprehension that this difference is nourished
from a deeper root than the bare disposing of that charge, but sure
the Lord Keeper takes the right way to strive to allay animosities,
and sure that wherein the King is concerned most is not who has
the right to bestow the office, but whether the Common Council
can be held and votes passed after the Lord Mayor and Aldermen
dismissed it; that may be attended with sad consequences.

As to what you write of the Swedes, they have sure passed the
bounds of neuters long since, and I believe the Most Christian King
is very willing the world should believe it so, and, if Denmark
declare too, I cannot see how we can imagine a sudden composure
of so many differences and amongst so many princes of great power
and interests. I do not see but that the cards are as much shuffled
as they were in the late German war, and, it may be, will ask as
much pains to sort them again.

We have here Swedish weather, snow and frost and the coldest
winds I ever felt, which is no small alloy to the satisfaction we
expected. However I find his Majesty not at all inclined to change
his day, which will be Saturday next, as I told you in my last.
[*Ibid. No. 129.*]

March 22. Secretary Coventry to Williamson. I received two from you of
Newmarket. the 20th. The first was very welcome, as it seems the animosities

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seem a little to abate, though we cannot hope a total extinction so suddenly. His Majesty continues firm to his day for returning on Saturday and leaves totally to the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer and yourself to give such order for the meeting of the Council and appearance of those of the City as you shall judge proper, he himself resolving to be there by 4 p.m.

The business of Llandaff was dispatched before yours arrived, Dr. Lloyd, of Battersea, having been particularly recommended by his Grace of Canterbury, and I found his Majesty resolved to have one of that country. However he has been so long omitted, I hope to see Dr. Barlow, a man of that merit and that age, better seated than in so poor a bishopric, one hardly worth the first fruits and removal. I am sure I will on all occasions serve him all I can. We have here no variety of weather and consequently not much of sports. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 876, No. 180.*]

June 10.
Harwich.

Thomas Langley, Mayor, Silas Taylor and John Rolfe to Sir Capell Luckyn and Thomas King, burgesses for Harwich or either of them. We desire you to speak to the Dutch ambassador, that he would take some course for succouring his countrymen that come hither for passage to Holland. Their numbers are great and the necessities of many of them greater, which has brought no small burden on this town, some of them staying here several days before having an opportunity to pass. So much is the pressure thereby that it is a great injury to our own poor, whom we are bound to provide for, as well as a pestering of the town by such strangers. If the Ambassador will not take effectual order, more than by words and promises, we desire you to proceed further according to what you shall think most expedient in order to disburden us from these grievances. [*Ibid. No. 181.*]

[Aug. ?]

Theodorus Lattenhower, Hollander and M.D. to the King. Petition praying for a patent for 14 years for his invention of engines for raising water in greater quantity with much more force and facility than any yet extant, and very different from any hitherto invented, and most useful for draining mines, drowned lands, &c., one of which was lately presented by the petitioner to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen for quenching fire, which made a plain proof of its great power before them, so that they gave the petitioner 100*l.* and bespoke several engines of him. *At the foot,*

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Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor-General. At the side, Report by Sir Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, that the said engines may be of great use in quenching fires, and that they were very serviceable in the late fire in Southwark, so that by means thereof St. Thomas' Hospital and a great part of that parish was saved, and that the patent desired will not be in any sort contrary to law, 1 June, 1676. [Ibid. No. 182.]

Sept. 22.

Rules and instructions for the Lord Lieutenant, being another copy of those calendared *ante*, p. 806. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 336, p. 1.*]

Dec. 10.
Westminster.

Warrant to Ralph Montagu, Master of the Great Wardrobe, for payment to Nicholas Staggin, appointed Master of the Music in

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place of Lewis Grabu, and also appointed musician in ordinary in place of Richard Hudson, deceased, in consideration of his two liveries for the said places for the year ended St. Andrew's Day, 1674, of 82*l.* 5*s.*, and for delivery to him on the next and all succeeding St. Andrew's Days during pleasure of 28 yards of camlet to make two gowns, of two furs of budge for the same, each of 4*l.* price, of 6 yards of velvet to guard the same, of 16 yards of damask to make two jackets, and of 6 yards of velvet to make two doublets and for payment for the making, lining and furring of the premises. *Sign manual.* Countersigned "Arlington." [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II. Case F., No. 71.*]

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Note by Richard Coling that the Lord Chamberlain's warrant for Mr. Staggin's livery is dated 3 Nov., 1675, and his Majesty's being dated in December, after St. Andrew's Day, a year's livery is lost. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 133.*]

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Memorandum about Staggin's liveries, as Master of the Music from Michaelmas 1674, as the Wind Instrument from Michaelmas 1672. A warrant dated 3 Nov., 1675, must direct to him liveries as Master of the Music for one year ending at Michaelmas 1675, as the Wind Instrument for year ending at Michaelmas 1675. [*Ibid. No. 134.*]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Col. George Smythson and Capt. Francis Wilkinson, praying a portion of satisfaction for their losses out of the farm of 12*d.* *per* chaldron or otherwise. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 84.*]

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John, Lord Lovelace, lieutenant of the parks of Woodstock, to the King. Petition stating that the petitioner is informed that one or more patents are now passing in the Earl of Lichfield's name for the reversion of the petitioner's said office, which he conceives will be to the great prejudice of his title and interest, and therefore praying that no such patent may pass till his Majesty be clearly informed of the true state of the case. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 135.*]

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Report on the petition of John, Lord Lovelace, that his patent for the lieutenantancy of Woodstock being during pleasure, he will be much discomforted by the grant of a reversion of it, and therefore recommending he should have a new patent of it for life if the afore-said patent be passed. *Endorsed*, "Earl Rochester, Lord Lovelace." (For these two papers see *ante*, pp. 341, 367.) [*Ibid. No. 136.*]

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Act for the better assurance of such as claim under ancient fines and recoveries. (*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 368.*) [*Ibid. No. 137.*]

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A Coffee-house Conversation. Some days before the poor coffee-houses fell under persecution two French gentlemen went to Garraway's near the Exchange, when some company invited them to their table, and the conversation began.

1st Coffist. Pray tell us, if you know, what news the late notable express brought.

Frenchmen. We know not of any.

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1st Coffist. Have you not heard of the courier arrived three days since with a retinue that marked him for a man of great quality? 2nd Coffist. I saw him and his attendants alight from their post horses, terribly weather-beaten, having rid in the late storms. 1st Frenchman. I now understand. Was it not in Bedford Street, Covent Garden? 1st Coffist. Yes. 1st Frenchman. Then I will tell you that the person you saw was indeed an extraordinary courier and one of great quality. 2nd Frenchman. In truth it was not a courier, but a very illustrious "*courreuse*." 1st Frenchman. The courier you saw alight, booted and spurred, covered with a great coat and still more covered with mud was the fair Duchess of Mazarin herself. 2nd Frenchman. It was in very truth that new Queen of the Amazons, who is so come from beyond the mountains, to conceive a martial race by your Alexander. 4th Coffist. She could not have taken a better way of recommending herself, both for vigour and soundness, than by riding astride, booted and spurred, 500 miles on a post horse in the depth of winter. 1st Frenchman. That notion would be pleasant enough over a bottle of Sillery, but over these cups of coffee, which, we are told, inspire only grave and politic reflections, I would have expected something more serious. 1st Coffist. Indeed the arrival and reception of this Duchess at Court does afford matter for politic reflections. 3rd Coffist. I have heard this matter variously discoursed of already. Some say, that the nation, already too sensible of the amorous excesses of their Prince, may be more inflamed by such an accession of great expense that way as this appears likely to prove. Besides, her great beauty, quality and adroitness, of which there is so great a character in print, seem to furnish occasion for apprehending a greater power in her over the King, if once he come to love her, than any other of his mistresses have had. 4th Coffist. They are fools, in my opinion, who fear that, for, since our good King has a weak side towards women as great as Henry IV, his grandfather, I think it much more honourable for Great Britain to have its monarch subdued by a famous Roman dame, than by an obscure damsel of Little Britain or by a frisking comedian. For point of expense, no woman was ever likely to be so cheap a mistress as she, who having fair pretensions to great sums due to her, if he be able to pay her Grace well, it is likely she will have contentment. And who will blame him to take his pennyworth, if he can, out of so fine a creature, and a duchess already to his hand, no small convenience? 3rd Coffist. But there are reflections on this subject of a far higher nature. A great wit and profound statesman as well as lofty poet, who is wont to swear fearfully on such great occasions, protests, that the French King, finding Carwel too weak both as to extraction and interest, to wed thoroughly the concerns of France, has sent the King over a new mistress that shall do it to the purpose. 1st Coffist. This is a speculation indeed too poetical. 3rd Coffist. I shall then tell you another, more reasonable and not so far fetched. It is said for certain that the ingenious gentleman, Mr. Ralph Montagu, so lucky in remote contrivances, having made a great acquaintance with this Duchess, when she resided at Chambéry, has by concert with Arlington prevailed with her to come over, they hoping that the King taking to love

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her, she may be a means of ruining the Lord Treasurer, who is thought to be much strengthened by the Duchess of Portsmouth. 1st Frenchman. These gentlemen are not too well informed, who persuade themselves that a niece and heiress of Cardinal Mazarin, having claims to money at Court, can be engaged to take part against the Minister who is in favour and holds the purse. 3rd Coffist. Some more favourable to this affair say, that the Duke of York undertakes her reconciliation with her husband, she being so near akin to his Duchess, and that this good occasion has brought her hither. Others are knavish enough to say that her great beauty has given his Highness a grudging to her Grace in another way. 2nd Coffist. His own Duchess is full as handsome and younger. 1st Coffist. True, but all things are possible in this world, and, though devotion has given his Highness a new turn, the bowls, you know, will still to their bias. 2nd Frenchmen. I shall content myself with telling you, that the Duchess of Mazarin is in reality so charming, that, if your King kisses her but once, I hold her of Portsmouth as done for. [2½ pages. *The Frenchmen speak broken English at first, afterwards French. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 376, No. 138.*]

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Collections of remarkable proceedings in several Parliaments out of Baker, Rushworth and Wilson, under the headings of Sovereign Power, Popery, Grievances, Supply, Articles, Impeachments, Sentences &c., Parliaments, Privileges of Members. Imprisonment of Parliament Men, and Punishment of them in and out of Parliament, King Aggrieved, Proxies, Loans, Benevolences, &c., Tonnage and Poundage, Property, Subject's liberty in his person, Protestant Religion, The King's word, The King's heart, Recess, The King's servants, Billetting of Soldiers, Petition of Right, Passing of Bills, The laws and government of England, King James' description of the Government at that time, Precedency challenged by Scots and Irish nobles, Good laws. [59 pages. *Ibid. No. 139.*]

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Advertisement sheet by John Seller, hydrographer to the King, of divers atlases and works on navigation (one of which, the *Atlas Maritimus*, was printed in 1675), made and sold by him at his shop at the Hermitage Stairs, Wapping, and in Exchange Alley, near the Royal Exchange, London. [*Printed. Ibid. No. 140.*]

List of proclamations concerning Jesuits and other priests and Popish Recusants, the first dated 18 Oct., 1591, and the last 5 Feb., 1674-5. [*Ibid. No. 141.*]

List of grants of the several offices of the Mint, granted since the restoration, the warrants of which all passed the respective Secretaries of State, the first dated June, 1660, and the last Oct., 1675, with memorandum that before the restoration all offices in the Mint were granted without docquets from the Lord High Treasurer. [*Ibid. No. 142.*]

Statement that, though engine looms for weaving, called broad looms, are very advantageous, the Weavers' Company have since brought in bills to put them down, the last about 5 years ago [in

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Jan., 1670-1], and that in Aug., 1675, a multitude of weavers raised a riot, and did much damage to the engine loom weavers, yet the Weavers' Company rather encouraged than prevented it, with descriptions of the advantages of engine looms and the evils that would result from their suppression. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 148.]

Memorandum that the Duke of Monmouth, in pursuance of the order of 30 March, 1674, that the colonels of all regiments should observe his orders, and that of 11 Aug., 1675, that he should assign quarters for troops and companies, at the time of the late riots about London and Southwark, gave several orders for changing the quarters of several troops and companies, and also orders for such duty to be done by the troops as he found needful in that exigency and for sending parties to patrol at night in and about the City, and directed some of the troops to assist the civil magistrates in suppressing the tumults, but, if there should be no civil magistrate on the place, the troops themselves shall suppress those disorderly persons and deliver them into safe custody in order to their prosecution. [*Ibid.* No. 144.]

Notes by Williamson. The two Delaunay's daughters—often private with him—two hours shut up close Sunday &c. The Gentleman (?) of the Horse ordered to get into them at any rate &c. Helsius, the Secretary, thought to be gone to Flanders Friday last, has been in the country with a bag of 100*l.* to a Parliament man. 140 French *pistoles* given away by Fonseca, gathered and bought up of the goldsmiths. Don P. Ronquillo sets him on to gain one about the Duchess of Portsmouth. He has a woman that speaks nothing but English. He from her knew that Ruv[igny's] secretary is gone to Fr[ance] about &c. [*Ibid.* No. 145.]

Notes by Williamson. A bason and ewer of 30*l.* and half a pipe of sexe (?) to Nipho by Fonseca's hand. Sir R. Hanson (?) and he two hours yesterday shut up. Dined there. 400 given away yesterday, and N.B. infinite necessity in that family. 150 to Fonseca to give, 50 to Donells &c., borrowed privately and Pardini knew nothing of it, of Staley (?) the goldsmith &c. Pardini called to pay it. Mademoiselles Delaunay, two hours to-day and one Sunday last &c. Spies upon people of quality. Elsius, the secretary of languages, gone privately to Brussels yesterday. A man with a tourbin (?) Wednesday shut up long with him. 30,000 *crowns* in six payments, the last to be in March next. (For this and the previous paper see *ante*, pp. 149, 268, 292.) [*Ibid.* No. 146.]

State of the case touching the providing of copper blanks for making farthings and halfpence. In 1671 an agreement was made for furnishing them. The beginning of 1672, the King of Sweden laid an increased duty on copper, which raised the price thereof, and consequently an allowance of the 2½ on the pound weight of copper imposed in Sweden since his contract was made to Mr. Cronstrome, but he was to give timely notice if any alteration was made in the duty and alter his price accordingly. Letters from Sir Edward Wood say that the increased duty was taken off in April, 1673. Mr. Cronstrome however endeavours to make out the

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contrary by an order of the Chamber of Accounts of 11 Oct., 1673, and by an order of the Royal Council of Exchequer of 23 May, 1675, the last certified by the Grand Chancellor, 20 Aug., 1675. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 147.]

Request by the Earl of Rochester that the *caveat* against a pardon to Mr. Croxton, calendared *ante*, p. 244, be removed. [*Ibid.* No. 148.]

Statement by Sir Philip Musgrave. The Justices in Westmorland are qualified by one commission and all have equal authority in one part of the county as another. Till about the middle of King James' reign all the quarter sessions were held at Appleby Castle. After this some sessions were begun at Appleby and adjourned to and concluded at Kendal, till the times of usurpation. After the restoration the *Custos Rotulorum* judged it would conduce more to his Majesty's service that the justices living about Appleby and those about Kendal should sometimes meet at both places, but those in the barony of Kendal would not hearken to this, though the *Custos* and some other justices went from Appleby and attended at the Kendal sessions, but the others pretended that of right they ought to keep their sessions at Kendal and would do it, though there was no adjournment from Appleby, which is conceived to be contrary to the practice of all other counties and to the law. This gave offence to all the justices except three, and the matter was discoursed at Appleby assizes a twelvemonth ago before the judges, and it was desired that the justices living about Kendal would join with the rest to hold one general sessions at Appleby for the whole county next Easter, and all the other justices would do the same at Kendal at Michaelmas after. The judges approved of this and desired it should be so settled, and last Easter half the justices about Kendal came to Appleby and were very well satisfied, three only would not appear nor send in any examinations or recognizances, but two would hold another session at Kendal. The last assizes Judge Littleton was told by the *Custos* of these disputes, and he spoke to the justice, who is the only person that causes these differences, that he would agree with his fellows, but he would not. Notwithstanding, the others resolved to go to Kendal at Michaelmas, as they had offered, and the judges approved, and they did so, but the three resolved, if they could, to cross the ends of the rest, and that nothing should be done on the day appointed for the quarter sessions at Kendal, but that business should be brought before them the next day at a session appointed by themselves. The Mayor of Kendal was dealt with not to suffer any justices to sit in their hall the first day of the sessions, but at last he was better advised, and they met according to the King's commission, but all public business was withheld from them, and next morning they discharged the sessions till a new summons. Then came the other three and would have held another sessions, but the *Custos* commanded the clerk of the peace not to produce the King's commission, so a private session was only kept and thereby much public business left undone.

It is reported that the three resolve to continue this dispute with their fellows, and to engage the freeholders to take part with them; the greater number will not submit to the less.

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The way to prevent the distraction that will attend these doings is for some person in authority to write to the *Custos* that there be but one public sessions held for the whole county next Easter and that at Appleby, and that the dispute be heard and put an end to by the judges at the next assizes.

Cumberland, the adjoining county, has but one general sessions for the whole county, which is as big again as Westmorland. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 149.]

Arguments as to whether the King can legally grant offices by patent, with a *non obstante* to the Act of 25 Car. II, cap. 2, which requires all who hold office to take the oaths, sacraments, tests, &c., on pain of deprivation of office, and other penalties, and opinion in favour of his power to dispense with a penal law by a *non obstante*. *Endorsed by Williamson*: "The Test. That the King may dispense with that law." [3½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 150.]

J. A. to ———. I have been several times to wait on you according to your appointment, but could not do it, because, I suppose, your concerns are great. Wherefore, if you have anything to command me, you may do it by the bearer, which is all at present from your Honour's most humble servant. [*Ibid.* No. 151.]

Lists of members of the House of Commons, headed by the King, the Duke of York, the Lord Keeper, the Lord Treasurer, the Secretaries of State, the Speaker and Sir Robert Carr, meaning probably that the members in each list could be influenced by the person heading it, and another list of members with names of miscellaneous persons against them, also probably meaning that they had influence over them. The first two and the last lists are in Williamson's handwriting. [*Ibid.* Nos. 152, 153, 154.]

Hanna, widow of Thomas Bagelley, late Master Glazier of the Works, on behalf of herself and her daughters. Petition for permission to remain in a house in Scotland Yard, for building of which materials were granted to Thomas Bagelley as compensation for 1,700*l.* due to him from the late king, until 1,636*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* due to him and his son for work done and moneys advanced and for six years' salary and living from Christmas, 1668, to their deaths be paid. [*Ibid.* No. 155.]

Joseph Augustine du Cross to the King. Petition for a lease for 21 years from 25 March, 1676, of the benefit of the improvement of 800*l.* a year in the revenue from the exportation to foreign parts of sea stone and pit coals, which he asserts may be effected by a new way of management propounded by him. [*Ibid.* No. 156.]

Monsr. du Cros to [Williamson?] Enclosing the letter of Lord Cavendish, which requests his good offices with the King in favour of the writer. His Lordship would have waited on his Excellency himself, had he allowed it. Has desired that Lord Cavendish should be under obligation to his Majesty and his Excellency for whatever it shall please his Majesty to do for himself or his wife, who is not undeserving of his Majesty's protection. [*French. Ibid.* No. 157.]

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Edward Fauconberge, deputy chamberlain of the Exchequer, to Lord Treasurer Danby. Petition for permission to retain his place, having served the king and his father and grandfather in the safe custody and the sorting and transcribing of ancient records 50 years, but Philip Hildyard, who succeeds his father as chamberlain, threatens to displace him, though the deputy chamberlains were never displaced by the death of the upper chamberlains, unless he will pay him 60*l.* a year for his place, which is illegal and more than it is worth. (See last volume of the Calendar, p. 537.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 158.] *Annexed,*

Extracts from grants by the Chamberlains of the Exchequer of the office of deputy chamberlain from 1569 to 1660, when Henry Hildyard granted it for life to Edward Fauconberge. [*Ibid.* No. 158*i.*]

Another copy of the above petition. [*Ibid.* No. 159.]

Jeremy Gohory and Andrew Gallwey to the King. Petition for a grant of the fines of 40 *marks* apiece imposed by Judge Rainsford at the Berkshire Assizes, 21 Feb. last, on five persons found guilty of a riot in disturbing the Mayor and minister of Newbury in the parish church there. [*Ibid.* No. 160.]

Petition almost identical with the last, except that the first petitioner is called Jearminin Gorin. [*Ibid.* No. 161.]

Several officers and gentlemen formerly of the King's, the Queen's, and the Duke of York's troops to the King. Petition for the arrears of the former benevolence assigned them, and for the continuance thereof, it being stopped for the last two years, as they are otherwise left to starve, especially since the proclamation [of 14 May, 1675] forbidding them the French service. With numerous original signatures. [*Ibid.* No. 162.]

A person of honour to the King. Petition for an order to Lord Chief Justice Hale (Lord Chief Justice from May, 1671, to May, 1676) for her enlargement, that she may have freedom to answer any accusations against her and for condign punishment on those who have closely imprisoned her in her own house, prevented her communicating with her friends, and have beaten and almost murdered her, to accomplish their wicked designs. *Noted,* L[ady?] H. [*Ibid.* No. 163.]

Thomas Price to the King. Petition for release of a debt of about 2,500*l.*, due from him as Receiver-General of the Royal Aid for Herefordshire as his account now stands before the Lord Treasurer, and in arrear from his employing unworthy persons in execution thereof; a grant of 500*l.* made to him [20 May, 1671] having been of no advantage to him, and all his estate having been entered upon for his debts. [*Ibid.* No. 164.]

Similiar petition stating his debt at 2,870*l.* [*Ibid.* No. 165.]

Sir Robert Robinson, late commander of the *Royal Oak*, to the King. Petition to be settled commissioner of Deptford and Woolwich, or Sheerness, or to have some other mode of supporting

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the honour of knighthood, conferred as a reward for his 14 years' services therein detailed, especially in taking prizes from the Dutch in 1665 and 1666, in a late desperate engagement with the Dutch under De Ruyter, and in the safe convoy of the East India fleet from the westward to the Buoy of the Nore. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 376, No. 166.]

Col. Henry Stanihurst (or Staniers) to the King. Petition for the continuance of his old allowance and for payment of the arrears thereof, and for what more his Majesty may think fit to allow him, he having promised him a larger allowance in consideration of the loss of his employment at M. de Louvois' request. (*See ante*, pp. 59, 90.) [*Ibid.* No. 167.]

M. la Varenne to the King. When his Majesty, with the late Queen Mother, did him the honour of signing his marriage contract, he was promised 1,000 *Jacobuses*, of which he has received nothing, and, though his Majesty promised to continue the pension of 150 pieces granted him by the late King, his master, he has received nothing of it for 14 years. The late King borrowed of him 350 pieces by a letter of exchange he sent him to Newcastle, which his Majesty had at the prayer of the late Queen ordered Lord Fitz-Hardinge to pay him, but, that Lord having been killed soon afterwards at sea, the order was never performed. Lord St. Albans has a letter for 2,000 *Jacobuses* given him by the late King to satisfy the bill of exchange, which was for 1,000 *pistoles*, though his Majesty received only 150, and yet he has received no benefit from that royal liberality. He has also received nothing under the late Queen's will, though his Majesty granted her servants 2½ years of her jointure. He always trusted his Majesty's promises. The suppliant, whose need is pressing, begs his Majesty's favour. [*French. Ibid.* No. 168.]

John Warner, of Winchester, to the King. Petition for a letter to the electors to choose his son, a child of St. Mary's College near Winchester, to a fellowship in New College, Oxford, for which he is eligible. (The son took his B.A. 1674, his M.A. Jan., 1677-8.) [*Ibid.* No. 169.]

Captain John Wetwang, late commander of the *Newcastle*, to the King. Petition for an order to the Lord Treasurer to settle on some other fund the payment of 500*l.* granted him 26 June, 1674, from moneys arising on sale of prize goods in the *Arms of Rotterdam*, for his service in taking her, there being no such money arising from the said prize goods. [*Ibid.* No. 170.]

1675. Notes by Williamson about Ireland. The setting of the Farm, Sept., 1675. The casual revenue not worth above 6,000*l.* *per annum*. The last farmers offer 10,000*l.* *per annum* for the casual revenue, and in all 230,000*l.* *N.B.*—They have great arrears due from the Kingdom of Ireland. Duke of York: They have had, it's said, 240,000*l.* defalcations, &c. Lord Lieutenant: Have had 180,000*l.* defalcations. Quit-rents, 70,000*l.* *per annum*.

The King demands, 1. Advance without interest or exchange. Answer: Never done by any before. *N.B.*—This would make their

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farm near 7,000*l.* worse *per annum*. 2. To submit to the abatement of quit-rents, not exceeding 5,000*l.* *per annum*. Answer: Their bargain would be just so much worse, and yet, being only on barren land &c., they submit to it. Agreed to, that the King may abate 5,000*l.* where he pleases, provided they be heard first, and as to the abatements before made. 3. As to the times of payment, 30, 60, 90 days after due, one-third in 30, one-third in 60, one-third in 90 days of the 241,000*l.*, &c. and as to the surplusage over and above 241,000*l.* as it comes in. 4. Casual revenue to be managed by the King's officers to the profit of the undertakers. Answer: They never meant to meddle with fines, forfeitures &c., only to have power to inspect what comes in. 5. The King contents himself with 240,000*l.* *per annum* for all and leaves the surplusage to them. Answer: They refuse the surplusage and ask rather 3*s.* *per* pound of what they refuse. 6. Without defalcations. Answer: No defalcation out of the 241,000*l.* Not for quit-rents, not for officers, not for foreign war, being a year of peace for every one of war. 2. A guard of the Irish seas. 3. The respite days in case of war to be increased by 30. 4. Prizes taken by Irish &c. to be brought in there, and commissions to such as shall ask them. They consent to advise upon four free ports and reliefs too. (Names of the proposed farmers.) Advance money. English interest if possible, the quit-rents, 5,000*l.* without being heard. Years of war, as of peace. Debts next Christmas will be 60,000*l.* certainly, possibly 50,000*l.* more. *N.B.*—The undertakers not to levy any part of the revenue not now in charge save by the King's consent. They pass by all concealments. A competent number of the undertakers to reside in Ireland. Two commissioners of the King's nomination to sit and act with the undertakers for fear of their failing. *N.B.*—The nature of the security is to be taken on a proportion to what money of the lessor's the farmers may be judged to have at one and the same time in their hands. Chimney money, in January next a year due, 25,000*l.* Quit-rents, 25 March half a year due, 35,000*l.* Excise, 60,000*l.* *per annum*, comes in daily, *i.e.* monthly, 25 March 3 months, 15,000*l.* Customs, 90,000*l.* clear, a quarter's at 25 March, 22,500*l.* so that they will have 100,000*l.* at once in their hands. Again at Midsummer a quarter more in their hands, in all at Midsummer they will have received of the King's 150,000*l.* and the King has but 60,000*l.* of this all the time.

Query, keep them to 40 days after due, as a better security upon them against breaking. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 207.*]

Notes by Williamson about the Irish expenditure. Deducting out of the revenue in Ireland, Interest, 6,000*l.*; Civil list, 22,205*l.*; Military list for 60 to 90 in a company, 174,031*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*; Pensions, old, 10,402*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*; pensions, new (Mr. Hyde), 2,222*l.*; Sir Timothy Tyrrell for 3 years 1,000*l.*; Reserved by the King *per annum* to such uses as he appoints, one of which is 5,000*l.* to the Duke of Ormonde, 20,000*l.*, so that only 4,138*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* will remain in the King's hands to dispose of. Out of this he gives to the Hospital, Col. Dillon, Earl of Carlingford, Sir J. (?) Bealews (Bellew), Grace, McCarty, Lord Dunsany, then will remain only 2,318*l.*

Civil list from 25 March, 1676. Courts of Exchequer, King's Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas, Clerk of the Crown &c., King

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at Arms &c., 22,205*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*; Military list, 174,031*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*; Pensions, 10,402*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*; total, 206,639*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 208.]

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Charles, Earl of Mountrath, by his guardian, Alice, Countess Dowager of Mountrath, to the King. Petition, stating that by the annexed report of the Lord Lieutenant wherewith the Lord Treasurer agrees, it seems reasonable that the intended grant to Col. Fitzpatrick of the quit-rents of the petitioner's estate in the Queen's County should be suspended, at least till the petitioner be heard, and that, in case his Majesty shall release the said quit-rents to the petitioner, it ought to be part of the 1,000*l.* *per annum* which his Majesty has reserved power to discharge, whereon all the petitioner can obtain from Secretary Williamson is a letter to suspend the said intended grant, till the petitioner be heard, and therefore praying that the said quit-rents, amounting to about 200*l.* a year, and payable out of coarse lands and therefore liable to an abatement of near one half, may be excepted out of Col. Fitzpatrick's grant and may be granted to the petitioner and his heirs. See *ante*, pp. 367, 368. [Ibid. No. 209.]

The Earl of Inchiquin's case. His father in recompense of the Presidency of Munster had 8,000*l.* granted him, and was in the first place appointed by a clause in the Explanatory Act to be paid out of the mesne profits of the Doubling Ordinance &c. Divers persons, viz., Secretary Coventry, Mr. Legg, Mr. Darcy and Capt. Bayly, who were in the same fund, but after his Lordship, have been otherwise satisfied, and have assigned their interests in that fund to his Majesty, whereby by his prerogative he is to have prior satisfaction and his Lordship is consequently postponed. Sir Timothy Tyrrell had 3,000*l.* in the same fund, but after his Lordship, and has lately prevailed with his Majesty to satisfy him by 1,000*l.* *per annum* on the Irish establishment. If his Majesty will put that 8,000*l.* on the establishment to be paid by 2,000*l.* *per annum* or less, it will be a less favour than that to Sir Timothy. [Ibid. No. 210.]

[The King] to [the Lord Chancellor of Ireland]. Warrant, after reciting that the manor of Portlester, Meath, by the death of George Fitzgerald of Tecroghan without heirs male of his body devolved to the Crown, and that Maurice Eustace, a minor, about July, 1673, and the March following, by several petitions besought a grant of the said manor or liberty to place deficiencies thereon, thereby rather affirming than denying the King's title thereto, and that the King by order in Council of 30 July, 1673, declared his title to the said lands, and by another order of 13 March, 1673[-4] on a second petition dismissed it, and has since resolved otherwise to dispose of the said lands, yet is informed that the Lord Chancellor, 25 Feb. last, by the default of the Attorney-General, granted an injunction to quiet the said minor in the possession of the said manor, grounded on a decree pronounced by him about 1 Dec., 1671: since it may prove very prejudicial to have the said minor established or quieted in possession, requiring the Lord Chancellor forthwith to hear whatever shall be offered to him to make out the King's title, and upon consideration thereof to grant a *supersedeas* to the said

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injunction, if by the rules of law or equity he may do it, and thereupon to restore the possession of the said lordship and manor to Sir Maurice Eustace. [*Draft. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 335, No. 211.*]

Sir James Graham to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioner served the late and present Kings since the very beginning of the late unhappy troubles and suffered extremely both in person and estate by a long and sad imprisonment from the time he was taken, soon after Worcester fight, till the restoration, and that the Earl of Essex appointed him deputy governor of the town and garrison of Drogheda in the absence of the deceased Earl of Drogheda [died 11 Jan., 1674-5], in which he has served 18 months without receiving any pay or salary, and praying a grant to be governor of the said town and garrison, and an order to the Lord Lieutenant not only to pay him such a sum as his Majesty shall think fit in consideration of his charges in the said employment, but also to establish an allowance of 13*s.* 4*d.* *per diem* on him, such as was formerly paid to Sir Henry Titchburn in that employment. [*Ibid. No. 212.*]

The remainder, who are but few alive, of the reformed officers, who served his Majesty both at home and abroad and were suspended from his royal benevolence these four years past to the King. Petition that the petitioners may be established for the future, with the arrears already due to them, on that branch of the Irish revenue remaining undisposed of in Lord Ranelagh's hands or otherwise, as his Majesty shall think fit, according to his late gracious promise to Lord Dongan, since the suspension of his benevolence these four years past has reduced them to a miserable condition. [*Ibid. No. 213.*]

1675. Paper about the Navy. 200,000*l.* 100,000*l.* by 2,000*l.* weekly from Michaelmas 1675, to Michaelmas 1676, whereof victuallers 500*l.*, tickets 500*l.*, current service 1,000*l.* 100,000*l.* by 5,000*l.* fortnightly from Michaelmas 1675, to Michaelmas 1676 (*sic*), for stores only, to pay the debt and keep workmen employed in repairs. Lord Treasurer moreover to satisfy the victuallers' excesses above 500*l.* *per week* and quarterly pay the yards and seamen's wages. With notes on the back by Williamson. 144,000*l.* repairs of the bodies of the ships. 90,000*l.* for stores to all the said ships for six months' service, as given in to the House of Commons by Mr. Pepys, and with a further note by the same as the manner in which Sir T. Clutterbuck has been paid. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 29.*]

1675. Notes by Williamson. Argiers. As to passes. A list of the names of all the consuls, ambassadors, &c., to be sent to the Consul at Algiers. A form of a pass such as the said ambassadors, &c., shall give on this occasion to be settled and let the same be sent to each consul, &c., and a copy of it to the Consul of Argiers. Severe instructions to the consuls everywhere, on one hand to be ready to grant their certificates and passes, on the other to be watchful not to be imposed on, and [not?] to grant such certificates to those that are not truly passengers, &c. [*Ibid. p. 33.*]

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1675. Notes by Williamson about Ireland. Queries to Lord Ranelagh. I. As to the 24,000*l.* lent him by the King, why not paid as the King meant and ordered it for clearing the December pay? II. As to the passing his account. Whether to allow of compounding, where he produces discharges for the value, whereas he certainly paid but 10*s.*, 8*s.* or 5*s.* per pound? Whether to allow his accounts, where he produces acquittances upon assignments given by Lord Ranelagh, whereas it is certain some of those assignments can never be paid. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 366, p. 43.]

Queries by Williamson whether a case relating to trade is to be received directly by the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade, or whether all business considerable before that Committee should not, according to the course of the Council Board, be first brought to the Board and then sent down by them to the Committee. [*Ibid.* p. 47.]

Notes by Williamson as to whether a parish in the county and diocese of Gloucester is a peculiar or not. The question seems to have arisen from the Chancellor of the diocese having excommunicated the incumbent for having married without a licence. On the back are some notes by Williamson about inventions, such as printing instead of writing, jacks instead of turnspits, looms for stockings, sawmills, engine to split deals. [*Ibid.* p. 49.]

Notes by Williamson on an action in Jersey in which Sir Philip Carteret was concerned, it being apparently brought by a woman to recover land of which he and his ancestors had been in possession for 50 years, with notes of the opinions of the Attorney and Solicitor General thereon. [*Ibid.* p. 53.]

- [1675 ?] Extracts of provisions in treaties between England and France, Spain, Holland, Denmark and Sweden arranged under the heads of:—What treaties are in force, if subjects of one power may take commissions against the other, if to allow ports to their ships being prizes, if to carry enemies' goods, if to assist enemies, if to carry passports, if to trade with enemies, if to be visited at sea and how, what things are contraband, what warning before a breach, if to include one another in treaties, if to assist each when attacked, when to give letters of marque, if to convoy one another's merchantmen, as to the increasing of impositions, as to the granting to each other what any other nation shall obtain, as to what caution to be given by privateers, and what liberty is to be given to men-of-war. *Some in duplicate.* (The latest extract is from the treaty of 1674 with Holland.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 377.]

Similar extracts differently arranged and omitting some of the above heads. [*Three copies. Ibid.*]

Similar extracts of the provisions relating to the above heads in the treaties between England and Portugal. [*Ibid.*]

Similar extracts of the provisions as to the above heads in the treaties between France and Spain, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal and the Hanse Towns. [*Two copies. Ibid.*]

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Extracts from the treaties between France, and Spain, England, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal and the Hanse Towns as to what cautions privateers are to give. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 377.*]

Extracts from the treaties between England and Spain, France and Holland, and from the treaty between Spain and Holland relating to free trade with enemies. [*Ibid.*]

Table giving a summary of the above extracts and of the clauses referring to each subject in each treaty. [*Two copies. Ibid.*]

Notes by Williamson on the above subjects. [*Ibid.*]

Account of moneys received by John Taylour for letters patent, privy seals and signets from 24 June, 1671, to 25 March, 1675.

Yearly summary of the above accounts to 24 June, 1674, the total amounting to 78*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, with note of sums paid to Mr. Moore, leaving 8*s.* 2*d.* then due, which with further receipts in the next quarter was finally paid to him 6 Oct., 1674. [*Ibid.*]

Twenty receipts by John Moore dated from 24 July, 1671, to 6 June, 1674, for the above sums paid by Taylour to him for his master's use. [*Ibid.*]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news, but wishing him a happy New Year. Wind easterly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 1.*]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday afternoon the wind came to the south-east. To-day most of the ships sailed, but the great ones stay for more settled weather. The Dutch East India, West India and Straits ships yet ride fast, but are all preparing. The English East India ships are not yet come into the Downs, 'tis reported they are at the Gunfleet. A topsail gale at S.E. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

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Rye.

James Welsh to Williamson. Understanding a patent is passing for making new Commissioners of the Customs, I make bold to acquaint you there has been a surveyor both for Rye and Winchelsea, each of whom had 40*l.* a year salary, and Rye was continued till about 4 years since. That surveyor being made collector for Rye informed the Commissioners a surveyor was needless. My request is that you would be my friend in procuring me to be surveyor for this port. If Winchelsea be added to it, I shall serve both for the same salary that was allowed to this town only. If you judge it procurable, I will appoint a friend to wait on you to discharge what is usual in getting out the warrant. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

Jan. 1.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. Three weeks ago to-morrow came out of Cales two ships of this town in company with Capt. Courtenay's frigate and several other ships. They were ten days since parted by foul weather. One of them came in Wednesday night and the other yesterday. They tell no news of Algier or otherwise, except the expectation of the West India fleet. Both are bound for London, and, if you insert anything of them in the *Gazette*, pray leave out their names, for the wind is now easterly, and the masters may be blamed by their freighters for stopping here.

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With us nothing is apparent of the damage done by the last great winds, only 'tis said some islanders of Portland saw a vessel turn round the island and a little after perish in Portland Race, and a mast and two or three other things are come ashore at Lulworth. A French man-of-war of about 40 guns came into Portland Road about a week since, where she and two or three strangers moored safe the last foul weather. 'Tis a rumour here, but how true I know not, that to the eastwards above ten rudders have been taken up. We had last week news of the loss of two of our town, one about Yarmouth and all the men drowned, the other from Malaga lost on the coast of Portugal, but all the men saved. We lost another this year before going to St. Valery de Somme, and are in doubt of two more ships of our town being lost. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 4.]

Jan. 1.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Last Wednesday arrived the *Judith* and *Mayflower* from Morlaix and the *Little Rose* from St. Malo. They came out four or five days before and rode some time in Torbay, being in the late stormy weather. A ship arriving at St. Malo from Marseilles, report was made of the Algerines taking upon the English, but without particulars. In France they speak confidently of so good an understanding with the Dutch that they doubt not of peace with them. The province of Brittany suffers very much, being under the King's displeasure for the late insurrections, by quartering of soldiers and many insolencies received from them, and Morlaix and St. Malo are not without fears they may have a taste of them, and are therefore considering of a way by a present to the King, as some others have done, to prevent the worst.

We have heard of some losses from the late very high winds to our neighbour ports, Poole and Weymouth, and also westward, but there has been no loss of any ship of this harbour, our ship from the Canaries being arrived in Penzance, which was much feared, but something damnified. [*Ibid.* No. 5.]

Jan. 1.
Pembroke.

John Powell to James Hikes. This week was put in the *Bachelor* of London with fruit from Alicante. Much wreck comes ashore daily here. [*Ibid.* No. 6.]

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Additional establishment of the Guards, forces and garrisons to commence on 1 Jan., 1675[-6], adding several daily and yearly allowances, which had up to 31 Dec., 1675, been paid out of the contingent moneys, to the establishment, amounting to 1,237*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* Sign manual. Countersigned "Danby," "J. Williamson." [*Ibid.* No. 7.]

Jan. 1.

Commission to George Churchill to be ensign to Lieutenant-Colonel John Churchill's company of foot in the Duke of York's regiment. Minute. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 148.]

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Commission to George Rooke to be lieutenant to Captain Charles Middleton in the Duke of York's regiment. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 1.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir George Moore. I have yours of the 30th with an account of your having apprehended the Master of the

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Swan inn at Sittingbourne for dangerous words by him reported from the mouths of two persons of Sandwich passing from London homewards. At the same time came a part of the same information from another hand in the neighbourhood, both which having been communicated to his Majesty, he very well approved of your diligence and commands me to signify to you, that, in case the master of the Swan produces (as it seems he offers to do) the first two persons of Sandwich that reported it, he be then dismissed, and the two persons are either to produce their authors or be proceeded against according to the utmost severity of law. For seizing the first two reporters, I suppose you will find ways enough, when you once know their names, and I have, by the King's command, written to-night to Col. Strode, of Dover Castle, to assist you in anything in which you may need the aid of a justice in those parts. You will please likewise see what has been done to the two persons named in the enclosed note, who were also reporters of it, from the relation of two Sandwich men, and upon the whole let us know what is done in the prosecution of this abominable report. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 66.*]

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Sir J. Williamson to Col. Strode. You will see by the enclosed what informations we have received from Sir George Moore with the directions given on the matter. This is to give you so far the knowledge of it, that you may be ready, if called to for your help, to assist in finding out and apprehending the two Sandwich men. *Noted*, that copies of Sir G. Moore's letter, of Mr. Secretary's letter to him, and of the information were enclosed. [*Ibid. p. 67.*]

Jan. 1.
Whitehall.

Commission to Ralph Widdrington to be captain of a foot company in garrison at Berwick, whereof William, late Lord Widdrington, was captain. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 21.*]

Jan. 2.

William Banckes to Williamson. A New Year's letter of congratulation and compliments referring to his speaking French and German like a native. [*Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 8.*]

Jan. 2.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. I acquainted you last post that the whole fleet in the Downs of above 150 ships were under sail except the Dutch. Good part of them are yet in sight being becalmed, and, 'tis thought will all come in again. There is sometimes a little breeze from the northward. [*Ibid. No. 9.*]

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Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Giving news of the fleet similar to the last. [*Ibid. No. 10.*]

Jan. 2.
Dover
Castle.

Col. John Strode to Williamson. I have just received yours of the 1st, and will be always ready for the apprehension of such villains whose want of punishment gives such licentious liberty to others. Had Sir G. Moore had the names as well as the place, they would have easily been found, but now I must attend intelligence from him. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]

Jan. 2.
Rye.

James Welsh to Williamson. Yesterday afternoon several vessels went hence for Nantes, Charente, and Bordeaux to lade wines, brandy, &c., for London. Four belonged to this place. [*Ibid. No. 12.*]

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Jan. 2. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. We were yesterday in hopes of an easterly wind, which is much wanted, for many outward-bound ships are now wind-bound in Cowes Road. The Bordeaux ships that put in here the last storm are sailed for London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 13.]
Portsmouth.
- Jan. 2. Warrant, after reciting a grant by letters patent of 31 Aug., 1660, to Sir John Keith, brother of the Earl Marischal, in consideration of his services in preserving the crown, sceptre and sword from the rebels, of the office of Knight Marischal of Scotland for his life, for a new grant of the said office to the said Sir John Keith and to John, his second son, for their lives and the life of the survivor, fee 400*l.* sterling *per annum*. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 383.]
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- Jan. 2. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. After reciting the letter of 16 July, 1674, to them, calendared in *S.P. Dom.* 1673-1675, p. 308, intimating that the Bishop of Dumblane should be translated to the bishopric of the Isles and should be removed from residence in the diocese of Glasgow and should forbear from meddling in matters relating to the Church save in the diocese of the Isles, and that by a letter to the Duke of Lauderdale from the Archbishop of St. Andrews and the other bishops appointed to examine the said Bishop's case, he finds that in an address lately presented to them he made such declarations of his former carriage and an engagement that his future deportment shall be with all becoming duty and faithfulness to the King, his metropolitan and brethren, as have induced them to be humble suitors for the recall of the former order for his translation to the bishopric of the Isles, authorizing and requiring them to take off the restraint on the Bishop of Dumblane that he may enjoy that bishopric with all the rents, emoluments, &c. thereto belonging, as if the former order for his translation had not been granted, and also taking off the restraints to be put on Archibald Turner, John Robertson, and Andrew Cant, ministers at Edinburgh, and John Hamilton, minister at Leith, in regard of their late dutiful and submissive addresses for their restoration. [*Ibid.* p. 385.]
Whitehall.
- Jan. 2. The King to the Archbishop of St. Andrews. Intimating the recall by the last letter of the orders for the translation of the Bishop of Dumblane and his restoration to the bishopric of Dumblane. [*Ibid.* p. 387.]
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- Jan. 2. The King to the Bishop of Argyle. Warrant dispensing with his ordinary residence in Glasgow, it being necessary for the service of the Church, provided that he duly observe and keep all synods and other visitations necessary for regulating the affairs of the Church in his diocese. [*Ibid.* p. 388.]
Whitehall.
- Jan. 2. Warrant for a gift to Capt. John Gray for his life of a pension of 20*l.* sterling *per annum* in consideration of his loyalty and very necessitous condition. [*Ibid.* p. 389.]
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- Jan. 2. Warrant for the presentation of Gideon Brown, minister at Leigerwood, to the kirk of Smelholme in the diocese of Edinburgh. [*Docquet. Ibid.* p. 390.]
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Warrant for the presentation of William Fogo, minister of Bothkenner, to the kirk of St. Ninians in the diocese of Edinburgh in place of George Bennett, deceased. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 391.*]

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Warrant for the presentation of John Skinner, student of divinity, to the kirk of Bothkenner. *This and the two preceding presentations Noted*, as recommended by the Archbishop of St. Andrews. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 392.*]

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Sir Philip Musgrave to [Williamson?] By a letter from my son, Christopher, I find that the sense of the condition I stand in at present as to public affairs in Cumberland and Westmorland put you on giving the King the trouble of taking notice of some addresses to the Lord Chancellor concerning the alteration of the commission of the peace in Cumberland. It would appear very strange to any that understands not the temper of those that promote this affair that, after so much civility showed me by Lord Carlisle at his being last in the country, after my endeavours to give him all the satisfaction I could for my recommending Mr. Browham (Brougham) and Mr. Skelton to be put into the commission of the peace, and his seeming to be satisfied therein, he should without any new cause given by them or me move the Lord Chancellor that they might be put out of the commission and Mr. Eglianby (Aglionby) put in, concerning whose factious humour my lord is not a stranger. I have discoursed it freely with him even at my last being with him at London. His lordship knows he was put out of the commission by the King's particular command, and was convicted before Justice Wilde of a notorious riot committed by him while a justice. The original of these unhappy mistakes between the Earl and me I know has its rise from Sir George Fletcher, who for many years has endeavoured to continue a jealousy betwixt my lord and me, that by my lord's countenance he might make himself head of a faction in this county and Carlisle in opposition to myself and family. It is most necessary that by his Majesty's perfect knowledge of the truth of these things an end may be put to them. If it appear I have given any occasion for my lord to dislike my proceedings, or have contributed in the least to making this division in the public affairs of the county, I will own myself unworthy of any favour from the King. I am so much an enemy to faction, and know it is so contrary to his Majesty's service and the good of the country that, rather than I should be engaged to contend in this way any longer, I request you to present my most humble suit to his Majesty that the Lords Lieutenant in these counties may be eased of a deputy lieutenant so little agreeable to them as it seems I am, and that in civil affairs there may be the like dispensation for me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 14.*]

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Col. Richard Kirkby to Williamson. Since I last waited on you, I have never been able to stir out of my chamber, nor can I yet be confident of any speedy fitness to go abroad. Therefore I presume to remind you of my request on Mr. Elletson's behalf, for whom I desired your letters recommendatory to Lord Vaughan. He is a very well deserving person and of those good endowments that I

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doubt not you will be very well pleased in contributing your endeavours to his preferment, and so I humbly crave your speedy dispatch for him, that he may order his affairs and fit himself against the time the ships shall be in readiness. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 15.*]

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Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. At Hasebrough, about a dozen miles to the northward of this, is forced ashore a great ship from Hamburg with piece goods bound for London, which, it is feared, will not be got off. To-day we had news from Mount's Bay that a ship of this town from Rochelle with linseed and nuts was lost, the master and boy only saved. The yacht from Hamburg is still in our haven, some nobleman of France being aboard her bound for Calais. Her captain reports he had very considerable sums offered for the delivery of him from whence he came. The Nonconformists continue their meetings here on Sunday and Thursday every week as constantly and publicly and in as great or greater number than ever. I just now heard of a very abusive paper that is in town called the *Insipids*, which I am promised I shall see. [*Ibid. No. 16.*]

Jan. 3.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. There is more wreck on the coast, of which I suppose you will receive more particular notice from others. Wind N.E. [*Ibid. No. 17.*]

Jan. 3.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last Wednesday the homeward-bound ships went out of this harbour, the wind being N.W., and last Thursday night a small vessel of 6 guns of this port from the Canaries with wine, mistaking the harbour, ran ashore in the bay some two miles to the westward of this. Her men were all saved, and 34 pipes of wine with some small cask landed, which was all the wine she had, and she overset, but is not as yet broken. The outward-bound ships you formerly had account of are still in port, expecting a fair wind, which is at present N.W. [*Ibid. No. 18.*]

Jan. 3.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. Last Thursday night came in here the *Constant Endeavour* of London in seven weeks from Virginia with tobacco, bound home. They say they have made but an indifferent crop there, and that the Indians have risen at the top of the river Pentomecke (Potomac) about 5 or 600, and have cut off several English, and that they had entrenched themselves, and were not dispersed when they came away. When she was in 40 degrees of this harbour, they met with much foul weather, so that they have received much damage both in their ship and goods, all her steerage being broken, and the man that was at the helm washed overboard, and the anchor from the bow broken away. The last news they had from New England was that the Indians were still up in arms and had killed several English.

Last Thursday night was cast on the rocks just outside the harbour the *Olive Branch* of Falmouth from the Canaries; the wine most saved but some damnified and the ship much broken, but they have hopes to get her off to-day.

The Irish officers, that have lain here wind-bound these three or four weeks, put to sea last Saturday for Dublin. They have

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reported here that the King of England has given leave to the French King to raise 7,000 men in England, and so many in Ireland and so many in Scotland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 19.]

Jan. 4.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Here is some news of the *Friends' Increase* of this place, which sailed from the Tees 11 Dec., laden with lead, butter and other goods for London, and was forced with the night storm following, the wind S.W., to the northward, where she lost one of her company and cast much butter overboard, but at last got well into Leith, where she now is. Wind at S. and by E. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]

Jan. 4.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arrived here yesterday, but brought over very few passengers and very little news. The wind is most easterly, the weather heavy and dull. I have, according to order, ever since 23 Dec., 1674, kept a register of the going and returning of all packet-boats. I desire to know whether to continue or forbear it. I have also taken an account of all his Majesty's subjects, soldiers deserting foreign services, since I received your commands of 16 Feb. last, not only of those landed here, but also, by the best information I could get, of those landed by the packet-boats elsewhere. I shall continue registering both, till you give me a writ of ease. [*Ibid.* No. 21.]

Jan. 4.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. All the outward-bound ships that continued a long time wind-bound in Cowes Road are now sailed with a fair wind. [*Ibid.* No. 22.]

Jan. 4.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 23.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 231.]

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On the petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London desiring to be empowered to make collections in the several parishes in the City and liberties during three months for relieving the great number of poor persons and that the money collected be paid into the Chamber of London and thence issued for their relief, his Majesty directs the Lord Chancellor to give order for a brief authorizing collections to be made as desired. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 73.]

Jan. 5.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. To-day arrived here from Rotterdam a small ship, whose master reports that this fortnight and so for three or four days after one another, was there seen a perfect ship in the moon, with her foresail hauled up, her foretopsail on the cap, the mainmast having no sail brought to but standing, her mizenmast standing but no sail brought to, the ensign flying, the head of the ship towards the north east, the wind then S.W.

Last night the East India ships arrived from the Thames, and this morning two more, all outward-bound. The Dutch East India ships and the other great ships are yet in the Downs. Not a topsail gale at S.S.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 24.]

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Chester.

Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Last Saturday Count Hamilton went to sea from Holyhead in the packet-boat for Dublin, and, 'tis

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hoped, has got to his port. Several of the new farmers of the Irish revenue have got their passage that way. 'Tis remarkable that but three ships from this port and none from Liverpool got their passage from Michaelmas to Christmas to Dublin, so that all being now gone from both ports and arriving there after Christmas will be a considerable advantage and consequently a good encouragement to the new farmers, whose farm is said to commence on Christmas Day. No news as yet of Lord O'Brien's arrival. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 25.]

Jan. 5.
Whitehall.

The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of the University of Cambridge. Requiring them to confer the degree of D.D. on John Echard, M.A., lately elected Master of St. Catherine's Hall, and to suffer him to take the same by accumulation, he performing the requisite exercises, or giving caution for their performance. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 190.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant on the petition of William Hobbs of Greenwich, mariner, for making the *Friendship*, formerly called the *St. John*, a prize taken in the late war and condemned in the Scotch Court of Admiralty, a free ship. [*Precedents* 1, f. 125.]

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Dispensation to Thomas Bard, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, to come to London or elsewhere on his necessary occasions. [*Ibid.* f. 126.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for effectual acquittances and discharges to the new farmers of the revenue in Ireland for 10,000*l.* actually paid by them for the King's use, in the same form as the previous warrant of 10 Dec., calendared *ante*, p. 442. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office*, Vol. 9, p. 404.]

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Sir Thomas Lynch to Sir Robert Southwell. To-day Mr. Orgill, a West Indian merchant, told me that a peculiar sort of ironwork for sugar mills, invented by him and of great use in the plantations, is now at the Custom House, to be transported to France, but that he and other merchants are petitioning against the export, which I have intimated to you, that some remedy may be applied. If requisite, Mr. Orgill will wait on the Lords of the Council or yourself to give you more particular information. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 26.] *Annexed,*

The sugar merchants to the King. Petition for a stop to be put to the intended export of 12 iron cases to case the outside of the rollers of the engines, which squeeze the canes, invented by Andrew Orgill, which are shipped for Rouen, and thence bound for the French sugar plantations, as the use of them is of great use in the English plantations, enabling them to sell sugar more cheaply than others, and for the prohibition of the exportation of such cases in future. [*Ibid.* No. 261.]

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John Banckes to Williamson. To-morrow I intend to present my petition to the King and Council of my just complaints of the arbitrary proceedings at Hamburg both against his Majesty's Resident and myself. I shall pray you to take the Resident's two letters of 14 Sept. and 29 Nov. last with you to Council, and the register of the Court, if you think fit, that so S[amuel] M[issenden]

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and his complices may not continue longer in contempt of his Majesty's authority and in wronging his subjects. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 27.]

Jan. 6.
Whitefriars.

John Ogilby to Williamson. Having been long lame and prevented from waiting on you and doubting to receive great prejudice by Mr. Basset and Mr. Chiswel, who have robbed my book and falsely printed certain tables, I beg you to give leave to print the enclosed advertisement. [*Ibid.* No. 28.]

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Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. A ship of this place is come from Holland. He was freighted for Amsterdam from France with wine, where he delivered his lading. Fifteen ships were in company on the same account all laden for Amsterdam, and they were together as far as the Downs, but were separated by bad weather and only three or four got thither, the rest not being heard of when he came away last Friday, so it is much to be doubted most of them are lost, there having been very fair weather since.

The master tells us he met a Dunkirk caper of 8 guns off Humber, and was on board her. The captain was very civil and told him he had taken several prizes so that he had bestowed 40 men in manning them, two of which were Hamburgers, one of which was a ship of 16 guns laden with sack from Malaga, and he intended them for Humber. Not being well acquainted with the coast, he got one of the master's men for his pilot. [*Ibid.* No. 29.]

Jan. 6.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind has varied round the compass yesterday and to-day. Now it is southerly. We have no news, none of our packet-boats arriving since my last. I enclose a relation of the hurricane, which I received last night from one nearly related to me in Barbados. [*Ibid.* No. 30.]

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Dover
Castle.

Col. John Strode to Williamson. As soon as I understood the names of the two persons accused for those abominable words of the Duke and the King, finding they were within the Ports in the parish of St. Peter's in Thanet, I directed my warrant to the serjeant-at-arms of Dover Castle, being sure he would do more than all the constables of the county. He apprehended them and brought them to-day before me. They are two common seamen, who voluntarily served in the late war with the Dutch. Their neighbours and the deputy of the town report them to be very honest ignorant fellows, and to me they seem ignorant enough. On their examination, which I enclose, they say they had the news from two women in Southwark, but not so as in the former information, but you will see their own confessions, and here they remain prisoners in the Marshal's hand. I attend your further instructions. My opinion is that, if you will find the bottom of it out, they must be sent to you to London. [*Ibid.* No. 31.]

Jan. 6.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S. At Cowes are two Canary ships bound for London, put in there the last easterly winds. [*Ibid.* No. 32.]

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Hugh Acland to Williamson. Since my last we have news of more wrecks. Last night arrived a ship's company that belonged to Helford, which came home from the Canaries and was driven

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over on the coast of Wales and cast away near Milford. The men were all preserved, but the ship, of about 120 tons, and the goods were all lost. Wind S.E. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 368, No. 33.*]

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Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee. Mediation.—Difficulty in Holland and allies to send their passports to Sweden, till those of the Swedes be arrived, at least till de Lira (Lyra) return, which will be in a day or two. Sp[anish] passes for the Fr[ench] ministers are in de Lira's hands, to be put into Sir W. Temple's, who will send them forward. Holland's pass for Bishop of Strasburg is sent to the King to be disposed of. Is but one, and he has three plenipotentiaries. I have sent for three, &c. Send it to the Bishop under cover (?) as by his Majesty's commands.—Holland's ambassadors ask for passes from France and for all the allies mentioned in the States' resolution. Passes likewise asked by the King's ambassadors. Holland desires they may be in the same form Holland gives them in, and as the allies all resolve to give them. Spoken to M. de Ruvigny already, that is I yesterday by the King's command and the King himself this day.—Exceptions taken by Serinchamp, the Duke of Lorraine's *envoyé*, to the French passes:—1. Not called Duke of Lorraine, only Prince Lorraine. 2. Stiled there cousin not Prince, praying the same stile as with the last Duke. 3. No mention of baggage, papers, &c. The King has spoken to M. de Ruvigny already.—All the passes from France to be of one form, *i.e.* according to the mode agreed with Holland, &c. Neutral country about Nimeguen. The King interested to have it extended as high as Meurs from having asked it of the States and French, at least to Fosse Mariana. M. de Ruvigny says he has an answer that two leagues about Nimeguen is enough. Tell Sir W. Temple so as an answer from France.—Titles of the King of Poland. Gives only *Serenissime* to the King, so I have not adventured to open it. Take notice of that error to the Secretary and open the letter.—The Princess dead.—Germany. Duke Gottorp's letter. Dares not speak out his complaints. Had sent another letter. Query, if not to have a day set to consider of it? My Lords to take a day to look over this whole thing.—Prince William's affairs.—Ducker's dispatch. If Ducker to stay there or at least to meet Skelton at Wertheim or Frankfort &c. To stay, if he can, at Vienna &c., and Skelton to make haste what he can. At least let Ducker speak with him in his passage.—If Don Pedro Ronquillo to have copies of what has passed. Give him copies.—Bishop of Strasburg's pass come. To whom to be given. Send it to the Bishop as above.—Denmark, 21 Dec. Sir John Paul complains they in Sweden will not let our English packets and letters come over. Nothing yet answered by Denmark to the King's letter about this matter. Complain of it to the Ambassador here. Call upon Paul for an answer.—Brandenburg. From Dantzic the great complaints of intolerable exactions on all letters passing by Berlin. Whether upon the war in Pomeland (Pomerania) the letters all turned (?). Complain of it to Baron Schwerins here. [*4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 61.*]

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Notes by Williamson of a letter from the plenipotentiaries of 28 Dec., 1675—7 Jan., 1676, which is printed in the *Life of Sir Leoline*

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Jenkins, Vol. I. p. 354, with queries by Williamson, if one of them going to Nimeguen and the other staying was well resolved by them and about the exceptions to the French passports for Lorraine, and notes of a similar letter of the same date from Sir W. Temple, and of a similar letter from him dated 31 Dec., 1675—10 Jan., 1676. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 65.*]

[Before
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Notice that a General Court of the Royal African Company would be held at the African House on 14 Jan. at 3 p.m. for declaring the state of the stock and the choice of the governor, sub-governor, and deputy governor for the ensuing year, in order to which the adventurers were desired to bring in their votes between 9 and 12 that day, and that another general court would be held on Tuesday, the 18th, at 3 p.m., for the election of 24 assistants, and that the adventurers are desired to bring in their votes alphabetically on Monday afternoon between 3 and 6, and that a list of the names of all the adventurers might be had any time after the 7th. [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 34.*]

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Whitehall.

Order in Council for printing and publishing a proclamation against seditious libels. *Ibid. No. 35.* *Annexed,*
Draft of the said proclamation. [Ibid. No. 35 r.]

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Bobbing
Court.

Sir George Moore to Williamson. I received yours last Friday evening, and on Monday morning sent for James Goodin, master of the house at Sittingbourne, and examined him on oath concerning such words as should in his hearing be spoken against the King and the Duke. His testimony I have enclosed, on which I sent him to Mr. Napleton, clerk of our petty sessions, first taking his recognizance to prosecute, if the parties should be apprehended; if not, that he should appear at his Majesty's command to answer for himself. He with Mr. Napleton with my warrant went away immediately to Dover to Col. Strode, who granted them his warrant, and sent with them his sergeant-at-arms, who in St. Peter's, Thanet, found and apprehended the two persons, Stephen Wootton and Thomas Venterman, who immediately confessed they had spoken the words in Goodin's examination. As I shall be further directed I shall proceed, but the two men apprehended and in Dover Castle are but very poor fishermen as 'tis generally reported in the island. [*Ibid. No. 36.*]

Jan. 7.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This noon the Dutch East India ships sailed, the wind being S.E. and by E., a brave wind, and with them about 50 other outward-bound ships, but the East India English ships budge not.

'Tis reported his Majesty has publicly showed himself to the great enjoyment of his good subjects.

No Straits ships are yet come in, so those 8 packets sent me the first instant are by me. Little wind at S.E. and by E. [*Ibid. No. 37.*]

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Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. To-day came on the backside of the Goodwin Sands 100 of the Holland fleet of merchantmen outward-bound with their convoy, who are to join with nine of their East Indiamen that ride off the South Foreland. [*Ibid. No. 38.*]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 39.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 39 i.]

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Notes by Williamson of a debate in the Privy Council.—Mr. Attorney—1. Justices of Peace very easy to give licences.

2. They cannot be forced to give any, nor an action lie against them.

3. As to licences granted now :—

i. If granted simply, then they may be revoked.

ii. If for a time certain (as now some are said to be).—If the statute had empowered them to give for a certain time (as in the case of the wine licences), then they could not have been revoked. But now that the time is ascertained though by construction of law only, it is doubtful whether (?) the licences.

1. For the time to come, they may forbear to renew, and in Middlesex all licences are out. In London it is alleged they have licences for a time certain. Here it is doubtful whether it may be.

N.B. The primary intent of this law was to secure the duty. Query, where the officers of Excise have secured the duty for a time certain, and the Justices granting (?) so that here certain time granted, being for a time certain, it may be very doubtful, if here the licences may be recalled.

Mr. Solicitor.—1. Prays time to give his opinion, if it may please the King.

2. If the King commands it, offers it.

Lord Chancellor.—Whether the licence to sell coffee be an interest or an authority only. Wine licence is made by law an interest and may be assigned, coffee licence a power only.

Mr. Taylor (?) N.B. Denies that they have anything to object to the legality of the prohibition, &c., but fly to the King's mercy as to matter of leniency (?) to them. Pray favour (?) upon regulations, &c. Proposes, 1. the excisemen who give certificates to do it only with loyal men.

2. To take security to discover what they know or hear said prejudicial to the Government.

Securities to excise are usually for three years, licences for a year usually from December to December.

Garroway. Has a licence and divers others have from this last December to that of the next year, from the Lord Mayor as chief magistrate of the City, dated the very same morning the proclamation was ordered here, viz., 30 Dec.

N.B. Agreed by the King and Council that the chief magistrate may grant licences by the law, though ill expressed.

As to the duration (?) of the licence. It follows the certificate, must be or may be at least as long as a security is certified to be given for assuring the duty, &c. N.B. This was the end of the Act, to secure by re-admittance (?) the duty and to impose a licence as the means, but the meaning of the Act is not to license or empower the vending of the commodity, and, though no time be specified in the licence, yet necessarily the licence ought to be construed to be of the extent of the certificate. N.B. This is but reasoning out

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of the law, &c., because the licence cannot be longer than the certificate, for so the King would be without security; cannot be less, for so the retailer should be obliged to pay duty longer than he can sell it, &c., as a tenant attorning for a day owes rent for the whole term, &c., and yet they do not stand upon the point of law, &c.

Expedients:—1. Not in common rooms. 2. Good behaviour from the master of the house &c. to the extent of those of alehouses. 3. On any information found of words spoken &c. in any coffee house and not discovered by the master whether he were present or no, he to forfeit his recognizance. 4. Printed or written libels &c., letters &c. that are publicly spread or uttered in their house, the master to be answerable on bond.

The coffee-house. Conditions. 1. Ordered to prevent all libels, papers, scandalous &c. and unlicensed books &c. from being brought into the house, from being read. 2. All scandalous false reports &c. 3. If otherwise, then to give information within two days to a justice of the peace, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 40.]

Jan. 7. Appointment of George Frost to be gamekeeper within 20 miles
Whitehall. of Bury St. Edmund's, Suffolk. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1,* p. 103.]

Jan. 7. Warrant, after reciting a grant to Robert Child and Thomas
Turnor of the office of clerks for writing and engrossing all leases of land and indentures for years which should pass the Great Seal, and that Child had lately died, and that it was uncertain whether Turnor was alive or dead, for a grant of the said office to Edward Seymour for his life and the life of Henry, his son, to take effect immediately if Turnor be dead, but, if he be living, on the determination of his interest. [*Precedents 1, f. 127.*]

Jan. 7. Proclamation offering a reward of 20*l.* to any who shall discover
Whitehall. the persons by whom, or the places where the infamous scandalous libels traducing the government and stirring up to rebellion are printed or transcribed since the last general pardon, and a reward of 50*l.* to any who shall find the author or the person by whom they are sent to press. [*S.P. Dom., Proclamations 3, p. 344.*]

[Jan. ?] The Duke of Monmouth to the King. Petition, stating that by a reference of 14 June, 1674, his request for the reversion of certain leases in Ireland was recommended to the Earl of Essex to report thereon, who by order of 2 Sept., 1674, required the Auditor-General of Ireland to search and report concerning the schedule of particulars thereunto annexed, and that, since his report was in some particulars clear and in others doubtful, the petitioner by a second petition desired some of those that appeared most clear to be granted, whereon his Majesty granted another reference, upon both of which his Excellency has reported of the reasonableness of the petitioner's desires, and that there are several other particulars in the schedule hereto annexed set out by *custodium* to several persons and at the rents therein named, which with several other particulars in the first schedule not reported on are undoubtedly in his Majesty's dispose, and therefore praying an order for passing letters patent containing a grant, as well of the particulars whereon

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the petitioner has obtained his Excellency's report as likewise of the reversion in fee, to the petitioner his heirs and assigns of all the particulars in the annexed schedule or any ways named in the petitioner's first list not otherwise disposed of at the rents formerly and now reserved on the same, unless it shall appear to the Lord Lieutenant that the premises or any of them are otherwise disposed of by patent. *At the foot,*

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Reference thereof to the Lord Lieutenant. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 1.] Annexed,

List of several things in his Majesty's dispose granted to the Duke of Monmouth. [Ibid. No. 11.]

Report by the Lord Lieutenant that he conceives that such of the lands and other hereditaments in the schedule as are held of the Crown by lease, and are not already disposed of, may be granted to the petitioner, according to his desire, and in order thereto his Majesty may direct letters to the Lord Lieutenant to examine which of them remain undisposed of, and are not vested in his Majesty to be disposed of according to the rules of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and also such as are not annexed to the Sword or the Judges' places, and thereby authorizing him to pass letters patent of such of them as remain in his Majesty's hands to the petitioner and his heirs, to be held under such rents as the same during the continuance of the several leases thereof are or were liable.

29 March. At the foot,

Further reference thereof to the Lord Treasurer. Whitehall, 19 April. On the back,

His report agreeing with the Lord Lieutenant's report. Wallingford House, 22 April. [Ibid. No. 11.]

Another copy of the above reference to the Lord Lieutenant. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 76.]

Another copy of the Lord Lieutenant's report and of the above reference to the Lord Treasurer. [Ibid. p. 101.]

Jan. 8.
Newhall.

The Duke of Albemarle to Williamson. Requesting him to present to his Majesty the underwritten names for his approbation to be deputy lieutenants of the county of Devon, and the county and city of Exeter, viz., Sir William Morris, Sir Edward Seymour, Sir Peter Prideaux, Sir Courteney Poole, Sir Copleston Bampfild, Sir John Northcott, Sir John Davy, Sir Hugh Ackland, Sir John Fowell, Sir Thomas Putt, baronets; Sir John Rolls, Sir Richard Edgcombe, K.B.'s; Sir Thomas Carew, Peter Prideaux, John Bassett, Robert Fortescue, Francis Drew, John Chichester, Arthur Northcott and Henry Norleigh; and for Exeter the Mayor for the time being, Sir James Smith, Thomas Walker and Nicholas Isaac. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 41.]

Another copy of the above names. [Ibid. No. 42.]

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London

Thomas Overbury to ———. Having received an invitation from some of your burgesses in case of a new parliament to serve them in it, and having no reason to expect less kindness from you than others to whom I am more a stranger, I am induced to ask

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your voice and advice, for, as I have always been and shall ever be ready to serve your corporation, I would not willingly so far defer it as to be the least occasion of unnecessary differences amongst them, and on the other side am as unwilling to lose any opportunity that may enable me to contribute towards the buoying a sinking, if not ruined and undone nation, for I presume you are not less sensible in your corporation than we in the country of the great decay of trade and of the general poverty that has ensued thereon, which, if not quickly remedied, will soon reduce us to the utmost misery, our wool and woollen manufacture being already at so low an ebb that it will scarce afford the owner or artificer a livelihood. The like may be said of most other commodities of English growth and manufacture, whilst our money is being carried into foreign parts for toys and trifles we had better be without, which has already reduced us to so great want and beggary that, were not God merciful in affording us yet plenty of corn, our poor would starve and the rich be hardly enough put to it to live. These evils are sufficiently seen and felt, and greater yet justly feared, which are not to be prevented or remedied but by a parliament free from partiality and faction. I therefore heartily wish that God would put it into the King's heart to call a new one, before it be too late, and that the country would choose such as would make it their business to serve the public in promoting the general good of the people, not the particular interest or advantage of a party to the prejudice, if not ruin, of the whole, which we have at present more than ordinary cause to fear. I had not given you this trouble, but to wipe off the reproach I have lain under of being wanting to myself and my country in that coldness and indifferency I have hitherto shown on those occasions, having indeed always esteemed it both the interest and duty of countries and corporations, as heretofore, freely to choose their representatives, and that none ought so much as to propose, much impose themselves upon them in so great a trust, and am satisfied we shall never have a right constituted or true English parliament till it comes to that again. But while custom makes it necessary that to serve our country we must do as others do, I hope you will pardon this importunity, though after all I see not the least probability of a new parliament, but, whensoever it may please God to send us one, knowing of what consequence it will be towards the welfare or ruin of this nation, I cannot but concern myself therein. You will therefore, I hope, excuse this application in so extraordinary a juncture and nice and critical a season, the like whereof no former age hath known here, and future times I wish may never see. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 43.]

Jan. 8. Richard Potts to Williamson. The weather continues fair, the
Stockton. wind southerly. [*Ibid.* No. 44.]

Jan. 8. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arrived
Harwich. early this morning, but brought no passenger nor any news.
Wind N.E. Weather cold. [*Ibid.* No. 45.]

Jan. 8. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Yesterday arrived the *Concord*
Lyme. of this port in three days from Rotterdam, where she carried corn.

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The master tells me of the great number of English ships in that port till these late easterly winds, upwards of 400 sail, three-parts of them laden thither on the same account as he, so that corn is now at reasonable prices in those countries. They had some whispering there at their coming away, as if De Ruyter's fleet had engaged the French in the Straits and had had the worst of it. The English Ambassador was received there with their guns and treated very civilly at his arrival. The late storms have had very sad effects with them, for, as well as the loss of many ships on their coasts, their former breaches being not yet fully made up, the waters about Haarlem and some other places are again broke in upon them to their great detriment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 878, No. 46.*]

Jan. 8. Richard [Owe?]n to James Hickey. I have sent Lord O'Brien's
Holyhead. letter over. This boat brings news that he intends over in a day or two. I must desire you to give me a line of the Lord Lieutenant's coming out of your town. [*Surname of writer gone. Ibid. No. 47.*]

Jan. 8. Notes by Williamson of the Judges' opinions about coffee-houses. Chief Justice North, the Lord Chief Baron, Rainsford, Wyndham, Bertie.—Lord Chief Baron :—Point of fact desired to be known. In Middlesex none are in being. In London there are some. Judges return in :—1. None can sell without licence according to the Act. 2. The Sessions is not bound to grant any particular person that asks it, but according to their discretion (?) even though a certificate be brought of security given, that is upon any unqualification. 3. No chief magistrate that changes may grant a licence. 4. Where licences are granted for a certain time, and that time not expired, whether such licences can be recalled &c. There is a doubt, and they do not think it convenient to say, when no unqualification in the party, whether the sessions can revoke it, that being an interest in the person, it being provided that the party taking a licence shall first contract and agree about a security &c. before he have licence &c. This is the cause of a doubt. 1 Query. Security being given for 3 years are the Sessions obliged to give a licence for 3 years? 2 Query. The person dying within the 3 years shall the licence come necessarily to the executor? In a licence from the King. Universi :—That the King may put an end to all coffee-houses, when licences are expired &c. Doubt, whether where the licences are in being. Universi :—That the magistrate cannot licence according to that clause. That of those that have licences granted duly, security may be demanded for the good behaviour &c. and good order.

Lord Chief Baron :—Any man at common law might sell these liquors. The intent of the Act is to raise a revenue, not to licence a trade. Rainsford :—In the King's power to stop all coffee-houses, if he please, that is his ministers refusing to take a security or to agree, and that being, no licence can be given by the Sessions. Lord Chief Baron :—By the common law retailers of coffee may retail it as the shops do, i.e. for people to buy and go away, but to sit there and drink it, 40 or 50 in a room, may be a nuisance, and for that reason a licence may be refused. [*Ibid. No. 48.*]

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The Chapter
House,
Oxford.

Certificate by the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, of their election of Dr. John Fell, Dean of the said church, to the bishopric of Oxford. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II. Case F., No. 72.*]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir George Downing. Once more we are to trouble you and your colleagues, the late Commissioners appointed to treat with those of Holland. The point of trade from enemy's port to enemy's port is at last over, and according to what you and they advised the King. There still rests that other of revisions, which I am commanded to transmit once again to you and your colleagues for your final opinion and advice as to the model and method his Majesty should insist to have agreed and settled for the practice and execution of that article between his Majesty and the States.

You know the words of the article, and enclosed you will find an extract from one of Sir W. Temple's letters; which shows what has passed between him and the Pensionary about it, and in what terms the thing is now left. It rests now that his Majesty say in what way he desires and insists to have the article practised on each part, and this is the point your opinions are asked in. You will communicate it to the rest of your fellow Commissioners and procure their resolution as speedily as possible, a case of some consequence having long depended on this matter in Holland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 68.*]

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Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Viscount Ranelagh and his partners, showing that by the contract of 4 Aug., 1671, his Majesty covenanted with them, that in case any of the funds thereby assigned to them should be lessened, extinguished or diverted by any act of his Majesty, he would allow them a proportionable abatement out of the sums by them undertaken, that they do not doubt to make it appear that their demands grounded on the said covenant amount to more than 100,000*l.*, that they are obliged by their contract to pay to his Majesty 80,000*l.*, to Col. Lane's daughters 6,000*l.*, and for purchase of the Customs of Londonderry 4,000*l.*, at the times and proportions therein mentioned, which, amounting together to 90,000*l.*, they are not able to pay by reason of the many and great remittals granted by his Majesty, and the payments made by them by his express command for the necessary carrying on of his service, though not comprehended in their contract, but that they are ready to discount the same out of their settled demands grounded as afore-said, and therefore praying that the Chief Governor of Ireland might be directed, taking to his assistance the Commissioners of Accounts, forthwith to examine and settle the petitioners' demands, and, on their releasing to his Majesty so many of them as shall amount to 90,000*l.*, to grant them such release and discharge of the said three sums as their counsel shall advise. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 74.*]

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Pass for Eberhard van Graffenthal, employed by his Majesty in certain matters relating to his service in Sweden, to embark at any port in order to pass to Stockholm. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 103.*]

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Warrant at the request of the Mayor and Capital Burgesses of Tiverton for changing the day of the market there from Monday to Tuesday. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 105.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to the Attorney-General, after reciting that, for the better support of the children of the new royal foundation in Christ's Hospital, the King had sent letters of recommendation to the principal companies of merchants by whose mediation with the masters of ships employed by them able masters may be provided for entertaining the said children as apprentices for seven years, and that, for the better encouragement of the masters who so take them, the King is pleased to allow to each of the said children the usual pay of an ordinary seaman in the King's service, being 19s. each lunar month, to continue for the first three years of their apprenticeships and to be paid by an advance of the first year's wages in hand, and the remainder at the end of each subsequent year, on condition that the King, if required, may have the service of each apprentice the last of the said three years, allowing wages for the same equal to the profit in wages the master could otherwise make of him in his own employment, and that the number of children thus provided for, for the year ending 31 Dec., 1675, is 15, and for each subsequent year 10 and no more, according to which the said annual charge will for the said year amount to 185*l.* 5s., for the year ending 31 Dec., 1676, 308*l.* 15s., for the year ending 31 Dec., 1677, 432*l.* 5s., and for the year ending 31 Dec., 1678, wherein the number of the said children will be 30, 370*l.* 10s. and so on for ever, the said money to be paid at Christmas to the Treasurer of the Hospital, and to be issued by warrant from the President and Governors thereof for the said uses:—To prepare a grant, inserting therein a clause that the said moneys and also the sum already granted for the maintenance of the children of this foundation, while they remain in the Hospital, be so paid to the Treasurer that they may have the full benefit of the King's bounties without any diminution by fees, imprest, or other charge whatsoever; and, that the King may be always rightly informed as well as to the success of his bounty as to the number and quality of persons raised therefrom for his service, the indenture on putting forth each child is to be signed by the master taking him in the presence of the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Trinity House and there registered, and the said President and Governors, before receiving the said sum to be annually paid them, are to present to the Lord Admiral or the Lords of the Admiralty and to the Navy Commissioners a list, containing as well the names of all the children remaining in the said mathematical school, as the names, ages and date of indenture of each child bound as an apprentice and then resting in the King's charge, with the name and especial trade of the master to whom he is bound. [*3½ pages. Ibid.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 49.*]

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Warrant to John Wickham, messenger, to search for and seize all copies of a scandalous unlicensed book maintaining the lawfulness of Polygamy, of which several copies are said to be now stitching or binding in the shop or house of a bookseller in King

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Street, Westminster, and to bring them before Williamson, with the person or persons in whose shop, house or warehouse the same shall be found. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 109.*]

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Whitehall.

Proclamation extending the time for suppression of coffee-house to 24 June next, the owners having represented the loss they should incur on account of the quantities of tea and coffee in their hands, and having expressed their sorrow for former abuses in such houses, and their willingness to enter into recognizances to prevent them. *Annexed,*

1. *Blank recognizance to be taken by coffee-house keepers, to allow no scandalous papers, books or libels to be brought into their house or to be read there, and to prevent all persons from declaring there any false and scandalous reports against the government or its ministers, and to give information of any such papers or reports.* [*S.P. Dom., Proclamations 8, p. 345.*]

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Cleonger.

Herbert Aubrey to Williamson. Requesting his kind endeavours with Sir John Duncombe, from whom he has received a letter threatening him with Exchequer process, if he does not declare his account by the first day of term. He has already paid into the Exchequer the money he agreed to pay the last term, and is now raising the residue by levying a fine on part of his estate, by selling what he dwells in, and selling all his personal estate. If he removes suddenly, all the hardship of the Exchequer cannot out of his estate raise so much money in three years, as now, having credit and liberty, he can do in three months. He will come up by the end of the term and make it appear he has effectually employed the time he asks. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 50.*]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. Last Wednesday the *Dregdnought* and *Mermaid* after being repaired in the dry dock were launched, and Thursday the *Plymouth* was put into their berth to be repaired. [*Ibid. No. 51.*]

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Warrant to Robert Ostler, messenger, to search for Mrs. Sampson, living at the sign of the Nag's Head near Mill Stairs, Southwark, and Mrs. Gardner, wife of Thomas Gardner, living at the sign of the Rose in Salisbury Lane, Southwark, and to secure them and bring them in safe custody before Williamson for spreading false and seditious news. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 109.*]

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Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee. Mediation. Sir W. Temple's letter of 4-14 Jan. As to the King's ambassadors expecting the first visit from all others even arriving after them. Beverning and Haren sent to Sir William to discourse it with him. They declare they will do it as to themselves. They doubt whether others will or not, seeing at Cologne and Aix, 1673, the Swedes had first received even then the Hollanders arriving last and having signified their arrival. What shall be the rule in this case? 1. Whether France, that settled this rule with the King in the Congress of Cologne and Sweden, who had it actually practised to them, shall not be insisted with to granting it to the King. M. de Ruigny to be put in mind that their ambassadors have orders to do it, and so Sweden. 2. As to all other parties

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who may pretend not to be concluded by what we resolved or practised at Cologne, what shall be the rule towards them now? The first instructions to Sir W. Temple and Sir L. Jenkins to stand as to other ambassadors.

As to solemn entries at Nimeguen. What if any other ambassadors shall desire to make their entries, &c.? Monsr. Colbert did it at Aix and possibly may desire to do so now. The Emperor's ambassadors possibly may. Hollanders resolve to remit them to the mediators. The King to make none, and to persuade others to make none, if they can. As to Passes. The States refuse to allow Sir W. Temple to send their passports to the French Ambassadors till he has at the same time passports from France for their ambassadors and for those of their allies, mentioned in the States' resolution in the same form their's now run. M. de Ruvigny has been told of it.

England.—The examination about words spoken at Sittingbourne. Col. Strode's letter and Sir G. Moore's. Examine (?) the women, and see if they confess. If so, well; if not, send for the men to prove it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 69.*]

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Elizabeth, relict of the late Lord Clifford to the King. Petition, stating to the effect of her petition to the Queen, calendared *ante*, p. 465, and, as she has leave from the Queen to petition his Majesty, praying a grant of the reversion of the premises for 40 years to commence after the existing term of 31 years. *At the foot,*

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Reference thereof to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 52.*]

Another copy of the above reference dated the 11th. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 77.*]

Jan. 10.
Wallingford
House.

The Earl of Danby to the King. Report on the reference of 16 June last to him of the petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, that by a report from the agents for bringing in the assessments made on a conference they had with several of the commissioners for the 18 months' assessment in the City, and the receiver and solicitor for the same, he finds that the petitioners caused the whole sum charged on the City by the Act for the 18 months' assessment to be assessed, and have endeavoured that the utmost penny assessed should be answered, but by reason of many empty houses and tofts unbuilt (rateably assessed with inhabited houses) there has not been paid to the Receiver General so much as will answer the full charge of the said Act by 1,063*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.* over and above the 800*l.* *per mensem* mentioned in the said petition, which his Majesty, when the assessment was first agreed to, promised to abate to the City out of the sum of 5,091*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* monthly charged on the same by the said Act, so that there still falls short of the said tax not only the 800*l.* *per mensem* amounting to 14,400*l.* but the further sum of 1,063*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.*, in the whole 15,463*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.*, which he humbly conceives may be reasonably abated in regard of the many houses in the said City uninhabited, tofts unbuilt and other circumstances. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 53.*]

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Spring
Garden.

Sir Robert Southwell to William Bridgeman. By command of the Lords of the Committee for Foreign Plantations, I am to enquire at the Secretaries' offices for such Acts as may have been transmitted from any of the said plantations and there remain attending his Majesty's pleasure, all which they desire to have that they may prepare them for his Majesty's view, and also to enquire with you how the foreign governors have complied with their obligation of taking several oaths before entering on their charges as: 1st, the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; 2, an oath for the due execution of their commands; 3, the oath for the due execution of the Navigation Act, by which they are obliged twice every year to return true copies of the bonds taken by them to the officers of the Custom house, London, and, by a later Act for regulating the Plantation Trade, they are once a year at least to return a list of all ships that lade the plantation commodities there enumerated, as also of the bonds taken by them, which oaths are directed to be taken before such persons as his Majesty shall authorize. The Lords having sent to the Custom house find a very loose and imperfect return of these bonds, some of the governors having sent a few and many none at all, so they desire information from your office, whence any of these governors have been dispatched, to know which of them have taken or not taken the oaths they ought, that accordingly they may be written to for the better execution of the said Acts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 54.]

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H. Oldenburg to Williamson. I return the English of five letters of the six you put into my hands last Saturday. The sixth being in Danish and very illegibly written requires some assistant better versed in that tongue, whom I shall endeavour to find with what speed I can. I add a note lately received from Paris, "*Tous ceux de la diete de Ratisbone ont demandé la paix tous d'une voix. Cependant le Resident de Brandenbourg a supplié l'Empereur de s'employer pour faire defendre les marchandises de France, et faire sortir les François hors de l'Empire; ce qui n'a pas esté trop escouté.*" [*Ibid.* No. 55.]

Jan. 10.
Lynn.

Edward Bodham to Williamson. Taking notice by the *Gazettes* of the sad losses by sea in other parts, I take notice how happy we have been on this coast. All this winter I do not hear of one ship lost, though we had a much greater trade than usual, chiefly by transport of all sorts of grain for Holland, which has been very advantageous to the public and the merchants, insomuch that, besides the return of goods from thence, the merchants have not only brought over all the English money that could be there exchanged, but have likewise brought over great quantities of dollars. All other affairs in these parts are in a very well settled condition. [*Ibid.* No. 56.]

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Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. At present there are near 100 sail in the harbour most outward-bound for France, two for the Canaries, nine of London for Barbados, &c., about 12 or 14 from France with wine and brandy, one from France with rye for Rotterdam. (News of the *St. Peter* as in the next letter.) [*Ibid.* No. 57.]

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Falmouth

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 8th came in here the *St. Peter* of London from Malaga for Holland. Off the Straits' mouth they met with a Sallee man-of-war. They boarded him with about 100 men which they cleared again with the loss only of their doctor. They exchanged several broadsides, but at last the Turk was forced to leave them. They met since with much foul weather. The same day came in the *Peter* of London from Nantes laden with wines and brandy, homeward-bound. The day before they met with a French man-of-war, which took from them six hogsheads of wine and four butts of brandy and one pack of linen cloth, all to the value of 150*l*. It is supposed to be the man-of-war that was in at Dartmouth. Several other vessels are come in from France, which met with much foul weather, and a Danish ship from the West Indies. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 58.*]

Jan. 10.
Whitehall

Warrant for the presentation of Benjamin Herbert to the [rectory] of Suckley, co. Worcester, void by resignation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 80.*]

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Approbation of the Right Honourable Sir William Morris, P.C., Sir Edward Seymour, Sir Peter Prideaux, Sir Courtney Poole, Sir Copleston Bampfild, Sir John Northcott, Sir John Davy, Sir Hugh Ackland, Sir John Powell, Sir Thomas Putt, Sir John Rolls, Sir Richard Edgcombe, Sir John Carew, Peter Prideaux, John Bassett, Robert Fortescue, Francis Drew, John Chichester, Arthur Northcott, and Henry Norleigh to be deputy lieutenants of Devonshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 20.*]

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Approbation of the Mayor of Exeter *pro tempore*, Sir James Smith, Thomas Walker and Nicholas Isaac to be deputy lieutenants of Exeter. [*Ibid.*]

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Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of John, Lord Belasyse, showing that he is indebted to his Majesty relating to the affairs of Tangier, 1,098*l*. 18*s*. 0*½d.*, and that there is due to him greater sums as Governor of Tangier and Captain of the Pensioners and praying that the first sum may be set off against the sums due to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 76.*]

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Whitehall

Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of the Duke of Monmouth showing that a grant of his of several leases in Ireland is obstructed by Col. Cary Dillon on pretence that he has prior letters patent and privy seals from the late King of those very parcels and praying that the Attorney-General may be ordered to examine his pretensions, Col. Dillon agreeing to the same. [*Ibid. p. 77.*]

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Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to cause the great seal to be affixed to an instrument of even date containing the ratification of a certain declaration on the articles of the Marine Treaty of 1 Dec., 1674, and of the Treaty of Navigation and Commerce of 17 Feb., 1667-8, between the King and the States General signed at the Hague, 30 Dec. last. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 110.*]

Jan. 10.
Dublin.

G. Bodurda to Viscount Conway. I was not a little surprised at finding by your letter of the 1st to Lord Granard, as if you had

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honoured me with some letters, the receipt of which I had neglected to signify. Your last to me was of 14 Dec. which I immediately acknowledged, and I have troubled you with two or three since, wherein were letters enclosed from Lord Granard, and in my last but one I prayed your furtherance in getting Col. Spencer's company for his son, his Lordship conceiving it not amiss he holds a company whilst a troop is coming. My Lord's letter, as I take it, was likewise to acquaint you that the Earl of Drogheda was given over by his physicians, though I understand since he is not in so unrecoverable a condition as was then given out, and, as a symptom of it, I was told that, a ship of French wines arriving at Drogheda, he ordered 4 tuns to be laid in for him. I do not know that any of these letters came short of going by the packet for which they were intended, and hope it proved not so, for one at the post office whom I take to be honest, assures me there has been no mistake nor miscarriage on this side.

The wife of 679, I believe, is engaged as an instrument on behalf of the younger brother of 167, in his pretensions at the place where 158 and 179 eat together about this time twelve month and the last of them lodged there too. I will call one of them 35 and the other 36. The good old woman of the house, who, I suppose, knows little of these matters, I will call 37, and the wife of the brother of 12 I will call 38, though for the present I can only say that 679 and 35 are together every night, and 36 is at the house of 679 with 38, twice or thrice a week or oftener, and sometimes as often in a day. I understand 158 seldom goes there, but that, having direction from 178 to find out the state of affairs, he resolves to be a more frequent visitor. I find that 178 is nice in the point of honour in reference to the administration of the least interruption to be given to 35, and has instructed 158 to learn whether there be or is like to be an understanding between 35 and 36, and, as soon as ever it shall appear that no agreement is like to be, then 158 to deal with 38 about the matter upon the grounds written by 179 to 178, but without discovery or in the least pointing out the persons till further consideration, and this work 158 goes immediately about. He is of opinion, if 35 fail, 38 will be the fittest person that can be engaged. Though 178 has limited 158 to wait the final recess of 35, yet 158 assures me he will pursue in this matter such further directions as 179 shall find requisite to send him. I am certainly informed that, if 37 can hinder, 35 shall not succeed, neither do I think the project for the person in France will ever take place by dealing immediately with 37 but immediately with 36, nor will 248 of 124, if he pursue his design, be disappointed otherwise than by prepossessing 36 with hopes and apprehensions of better things. If the friends of the person in France have thoughts of effecting their purpose above board with 37, I cannot, when I consider the bigotry of 37, but think they will fail therein, and that 248 of 124 will be preferred by 37 and those that govern 37.

The packet of the 1st arrived Saturday night and that of the 4th yesterday. That which was hinted so long ago by 179 is now since these last packets talked of somewhat rifely, I mean concerning 159, but, notwithstanding all, he enjoys to this day the name and the real thing. We do not by these late letters find any day fixed for the Lord Lieutenant's setting out. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 2.*]

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Notice to Williamson of a meeting of a Court of Assistants of the Royal African Company at the African House, Throgmorton Street, on Tuesday, 11 Jan., at 2 p.m. [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 59.*] *Annexed,*

List of the names of all the Adventurers of the said Company and also of the members of the Court of Assistants chosen in Jan., 1674-5, with note that the present sub-governor and deputy governor by the rules cannot be chosen in the same capacity, but may be chosen of the Assistants, and that no more than 16 of the Assistants can be chosen two years together. [Printed paper. Ibid. No. 591.]

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The information of Sergeant Woldgate against Justice Amfrevill and Mr. Cannon taken before Sir J. Williamson. Cannon denying to quarter the soldier, he complained to the sergeant, who went with him to his landlord to know why he would not quarter. Cannon utterly denied to quarter the soldier, unless he paid for his lodging. The above mentioned Justice being by told him he was a fool if he did, and bade him get a warrant and have him clapped by the heels, for he was a red coat rogue, and, if he was in his liberties, he would clap him by the heels immediately. [*Ibid. No. 60.*]

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The information of George Feathersby against Cannon, an innkeeper in Fetter Lane. The said Cannon refused to quarter him. When he told him that the constable had quartered him there by the King's order, he answered that the King was a fool, and that there was none but fools and knaves about him. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]

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Peter Brunskell to Williamson. You desire to be satisfied that the business will answer the Colonel's good service to his Majesty and gratify him. His counsel puts him on it, and he will accept it as a full recompense. The patent lies in the Rolls Chapel. He delays taking out a copy because it's large, and as all other company's patents are. The petition shows as much in effect as the record itself, unless it be matter of form to draw it by, and there will be no need, unless the Attorney or Solicitor General require it. I crave a dispatch, for references are merely matter of form, and none was ever yet denied where the business may plainly appear *pro bono publico et privato*. [*Ibid. No. 62.*]

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Bond in the penalty of 100*l.* given by Jacob Smyth of the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, for the appearance before the Privy Council or any person appointed by them of Elizabeth Sampson of the Nag's Head in Southwark. [*Ibid. No. 63.*]

Jan. 11.
Stockton.

Richard Potts to Williamson. Last Saturday evening came into the Tees a Dunkirk caper of 80 men and 4 guns. She came from the northward, and is said to have carried a dogger prize into Tynemouth haven. She came in with the wind E. and by N.; now it is N.W. with frost and snow. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last night came in one of our packet-boats. They bring no news. The master was at Helvoetsluys, and says the late tempestuous weather much

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prejudiced their walls thereabouts. The wind for a long time has been N.E. Yesterday it got northerly, bringing some snow. This morning it is much westerly, with sunshine and a thaw. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 65.*]

Jan. 11.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.W. The Canary ships that put into the Isle of Wight with contrary winds bound for London sail to-day, as do others which have been stopped in the same kind. [*Ibid. No. 66.*]

Jan. 11.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived and stating that he had seen a letter from Falmouth giving an account of the fight between the *St. Peter* and a Sallee man-of-war described in Holden's letter of the 10th calendared *ante*, p. 506. [*Ibid. No. 67.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 67 1.*]

Jan. 11.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master General of the Ordnance, to pay to James and Francis Archer, who are travelling in foreign parts to improve their knowledge of fortifications in order to render them more capable of service as engineers, 50*l.* a year each. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 208.*]

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Like warrant to pay to John Lingard 60*l.* a year, as firemaster in the Ordnance Office. [*Ibid.*]

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Circular letter from the King to the East India Company, the Muscovy Company, the Eastland Company, the Royal African Company and the Levant Company. After reciting that he had by letters patent of 19 Aug., 1673, founded in Christ's Hospital a Mathematical School for 40 boys to be instructed in Navigation and Arithmetic, until their age and proficiency shall have qualified them for being initiated into the practice of navigation and bound to some able commanders or masters as apprentices, and that, reflecting on the proof already given of the effects of this his royal bounty in the extraordinary proficiency of 15 of the said children first chosen into the said school, as represented to him after strict examination by the Master and Wardens of the Trinity House, from his inclination to perfect so pious and public a work by providing encouragement for a constant supply of able and sober masters for entertaining the said children, he had granted by letters patents now passing to Christ Hospital an allowance of common seamen's pay to be given to each master who shall take one of the said children as apprentice as therein expressed, and that the good-will and assistance of the principal companies of merchants may by their interposition with the masters employed by them further conduce to securing the said supply; most effectually recommending to them the promotion of this work, not doubting they will give their utmost furtherance and assistance therein as often as they shall be applied to by the Governors of the Hospital in that behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 20.*]

Separate copies of the letters to the above five companies. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, Nos. 68-72.*]

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Draft of the above letter with alterations by Williamson. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 73.]

Draft by Williamson of the beginning of the above letter. [*Ibid.* No. 74.]

Titles of the several companies to whom the letters were to be directed. [*Ibid.* No. 75.]

Jan. 11.
Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Sir George Moore. I have yours of the 8th and thank you for the trouble you continue to take about the words spoken at Sittingbourne. We have found out the two women on whom that abominable speech is fathered by the two seamen. One confesses to have said the words in effect, and says she heard them from a certain poor market woman; the other denies them absolutely or anything like them. To-morrow at the Council the matter will be considered, and, according as the Lords think fit to proceed in it, I shall give notice to Col. Strode, as I have told him by this night's post, what he is to do with the two seamen. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 69.]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Col. Strode. Giving an account of the two women as in the last, and informing him that he will let him know the decision of the Council to-morrow about the two seamen. [*Ibid.*]

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Warrant to Mr. Eles, the messenger, to search for, apprehend, and bring in safe custody before Williamson — Canon, an inn-keeper in Fetter Lane, who is charged with having spoken several treasonable words. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 110.]

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The information of John Couch of the parish of St. Mary Savoy, taken before Sir J. Williamson. Thomas Jon, William Peate and Thomas Jenkinson have all, or most of them been employed in transcribing and writing libels. Mr. Temple, of the Six Clerks' office, told the informant that on reading the proclamation for the discovery of seditious libels he knew that the persons above-named and particularly Jon transcribed libels, that they have on the proclamation absconded themselves, and that he, Temple, knows where they are to be found. One Green, lately apprehended and at present a prisoner in Newgate, has been employed for some time in transcribing libels. Temple told the informant to-day that each of the above said persons have writ some libels. Mr. Couch knows where the above persons are retired to, that they are at Mr. Jon's, a kinsman of the above Jon, near the Falcon Stairs in Southwark, over against the Temple, and they have absconded themselves in the said Jon's house ever since Green was apprehended, lest he should discover them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 76.]

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Shorter similar information by Couch. [*Ibid.* No. 77.]

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Castle.

Col. John Strode to Williamson. Requesting a line or two to tell him whether the two seamen about whom he had written some days ago (see *ante*, p. 493) should be sent to the county gaol or sent up to London to produce the original of such licentious and scandalous reports. [*Ibid.* No. 78.]

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Jan. 12. Warrant to Richard Gammon, messenger, to search for, secure and bring in safe custody before Williamson, Mr. Temple of the Six Clerks' office, who, as Williamson is informed, knows where certain persons lately employed in writing and transcribing seditious and scandalous libels are at present retired to. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 111.*]
- Jan. 12. Licence to the High Sheriff of Berkshire to repair to London and Westminster, or elsewhere as his occasions may require. [*Precedents 1, f. 128.*]
- Jan. 12. Notes by Williamson about an action from Jersey apparently that in which Sir Philip Carteret was concerned, as to which see his notes calendared *ante*, p. 484. [*S.P. Channel Islands 9, No. 93.*]
- Jan. 13. Whitehall. The examination of John Temple, living at Mr. Hutchinson's, a bricklayer in Green Dragon Alley in the Strand, taken before Sir J. Williamson. The examinant says he has written this half year for Mr. Petit of the Inner Temple, that Mr. Jon and Mr. Jenkinson writ in the said Petit's office, and that, since Green was apprehended, Jon and Jenkinson have absented themselves from Petit's office, which gives the examinant reason to think that Green having been imprisoned for writing libels they have done the like and therefore absconded themselves, lest on Green's confession they might likewise be apprehended and imprisoned. The examinant does not know, nor has he ever seen any libels written by Jenkinson, Green or Jon, but that they three only writ in Petit's office and were very intimate with one another. Mr. Peate, who keeps a coffee-house in Sheer Lane has, the examinant says, been frequently with Jon both before and since he absconded himself, and he has told this examinant that he had been with Jon several times since he absented himself, and therefore the examinant believes Peate certainly knows where Jon at present is. Mr. Skinner living at Mr. Latham's in Chancery Lane, told the examinant that Jon was at Mr. Jon's, who keeps a tavern at Southwark, near the Falcon Stairs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 978, No. 79.*]
- Jan. 13. Grittleton. Dr. Thomas Tullie to Williamson. I could not be unmindful of the many signal favours you have laid on me, though my sickness has brought me so low that I am not able to return you my thanks with my own hand. I doubt not that the reversion of Ripon has been in many men's eyes since I had it, and now my weak condition may have put them in a very fair way shortly to enjoy that, of which I have not yet reaped any profit, yet, might I but hope that my poor aged brother were to succeed me, it would be more welcome news to me than if I were to enjoy it myself. I have sufficiently experienced your readiness to gratify even those who never could plead merit for the least of your favours, and therefore may fear some more worthy person may have forestalled my market; if so, I humbly beg you would excuse my first, or rather my last petition. [*Ibid. No. 80.*]
- Jan. 13. Certificate by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Doncaster that on the death of Richard Etherington, their late Recorder, they had elected John Boynton of Rawcliffe, Yorkshire, as Recorder. [*Ibid. No. 81.*]

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Jan. 13. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [S.P.
Portsmouth. *Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 82.*]
- Jan. 13. Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind S. [*Ibid.*
Truro. *No. 88.*]
- Jan. 13. Sir J. Williamson to Col. Strode. Enclosing the order of the
Whitehall. Council concerning Wotton and Venterman, by which he will see
how he is to dispose of them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 70.*]
- [Jan. ?] Sir John Shorter and others, owners, and concerned in the four
ships taken and destroyed by the Dutch in the Elbe near Hamburg
to the King. Petition, setting forth that the Hamburgers have
paid 35,000*l.* into Sir Thomas Player's hands to be distributed by
warrant from the Commissioners authorized by his Majesty for
that purpose, and that, there being allowed by the report of the
Judge of the Admiralty towards the freight of the said ships
1,840*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, the petitioners, being the only parties con-
cerned in them, have resolved to divide it equally to each ship and
owner, and that, the petitioners having demanded their several pro-
portions, they are denied them, some of the said Commissioners
refusing to give their warrants for payment thereof, and praying
express commands to the Commissioners to deliver to the petitioners
sufficient warrant for payment of the said sum, or to show cause
for their refusal. [*S.P. Dom., Car II. 378, No. 84.*]
- Jan. 14. Order in Council on the above petition, that a copy thereof be
Whitehall. delivered to the said Commissioners, who are speedily to return
their answer thereto. [*Ibid. No. 85.*]
- Jan. 14. Sir John Fowell to Williamson. These parts are yet in a very
Fowellscombe. quiet temper, and I think with us no great occasion for suppressing
the coffee-houses, for those ill-affected and liberal discourses, that
so often frequent these places with you, have very little credit with
us. The great thing now complained of in this county is the
decay of our woollen trade, which falls exceedingly heavy on this
poor populous country, where so many thousands have no other
way of subsisting, and I apprehend no disorders nor the least
disturbances but what may be occasioned by the necessities of those
poor people, wherefore it would, I conceive, be very seasonable for
his Majesty to do anything in his power to quicken a little that
dying trade, we never having been so sensible of the want thereof
as at present. I presume to offer some things to your con-
sideration which are in his power to do, which, I suppose,
would tend very much to that end without any great
prejudice to him, as first by his example to encourage the
wearing and publicly to discourage the not wearing of our woollen
manufactures by all his subjects, and, for encouraging the
transporting of them, so that we may undersell our neighbours, if
he would graciously for some little time suspend collecting that
small duty on every piece of woollen exported, which though for
the present may be some small loss to him, yet, I am confident,
such an act would give so general a satisfaction to the nation, that
it would in the end prove for his advantage, for, till we come
plainly to believe that what is truly for the interest of the King is

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for the interest of the people, and that whatever is truly for the good of the people is for his Majesty's advantage, and that their interests are one, I doubt we shall never enjoy that happiness which is daily prayed for and endeavoured by me.

Sir William Courtenay of our county, of whom I suppose you have heard, if not known, is now gone for London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 86.]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday came in from the Thames the *Breton*, Henry Cutting (Cuttance) commander. His purser came on shore last night and, hearing she was bound for Cadiz and Leghorn, &c., I requested him to deliver those packets to his commander, to whom I wrote that I was commanded to send them away the first opportunity, and that it would be taken kindly by you and be acceptable service to his Majesty. The captain sent me word to-day he would have a special care of the packets. He is Sir Roger Cutting's (Cuttance's) son.

Little wind at S.W. I had these packets since the 3rd, 4 for the Consul at Algiers, and 4 for the late Consul of Tripoli on board Sir John Narbrough's fleet. [*Ibid.* No. 87.]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 88.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 88 I.]

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Chester.

Matthew Anderton to Williamson. To-day the Earl of Meath went towards Holyhead in order to his transportation for Dublin. I hear not as yet anything of Lord O'Brien's landing out of Ireland. Your letters for him wait his arrival. [*Ibid.* No. 89.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester. Recommending Thomas, Lord Windsor, for an exchange of his lease for years of part of the manor of Stoke Court into one for three lives, on such reasonable fine and condition as they shall agree with him for, the late King's directions as to granting leases only for years to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 191.]

Jan. 14.
Whitehall.

Grant of a baronetcy to Charles Rich of London and Robert Rich of Stondon, Essex, second son of Nathaniel Rich of Stondon, to hold it to the said Charles Rich during his life, and after his decease to the said Robert Rich and the heirs male of his body. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 111.]

Note of the limitations in the above grant stated to be to Robert Rich and the heirs male of his body begotten on Mary, daughter of the said Charles Rich, with remainder to the heirs male of his body. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 90.]

Jan. 15.
Colchester.

Sir John Shaw to Williamson. I thought it my duty to give you an account of the late riotous assembly of the weavers in Colchester, who were tried last Friday at our quarter sessions for the town, where six of their ringleaders are convicted, five men and one woman. I do not believe all of them are worth 10/. They were assembled by the blowing of a horn about two in the morning, and so went round the town till they were three or four hundred in St. Mary's Churchyard, and thence they marched into St. John's

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Fields to the number of about 400, and, after proclamation made to command them peaceably to depart to their own habitations, they continued shouting and hallooing one and all, and, after the Mayor and officers were departed, they came shouting and hallooing through the streets, using many mutinous expressions of plundering Furley and pulling down his house, and were gathered about his house, but by the help of some townsmen they were dispersed, and the trained bands were raised, which were kept up about three weeks. On this conviction the Court were of opinion that one of the chief should be set on the pillory before the Bay Hall in Colchester, and at the same time three others to be there openly whipped and the other two fined 50s. apiece, which, I believe, is more than they are worth. The others that receive corporal punishment are likewise fined, but, I believe, are not able to pay anything. We conceived it was not fit such a mutinous riot accompanied with so many dangerous circumstances should be slightly passed over without some exemplary punishment that might be a terror to others, especially they being not able to pay any considerable fines nor in truth any at all. We had a very able grand jury, and likewise an able jury for their conviction, for else, for aught I know, they might have escaped, for, when I returned from the county sessions on Thursday night, I found there was no counsel retained for the King nor any person appointed to manage the evidence against them. If you think this punishment too severe or ought to have any moderation, I have respited the execution of the judgment, till I had acquainted you with the true state of the case. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 91.*]

Jan. 15. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news, the westerly winds
Harwich. having kept back the packet-boats. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]

Jan. 15. Receipt by John Reeve for securities of John Walker of Tanworth, of Francis Gregory of Everdon, Northants, and for a bond of Mr. Basely, deceased, for money due by them respectively to John Mackarnes, with which the said Mackarnes has entrusted him. (Found in the pocket of Mackarnes' pocket-book.) [*Ibid. No. 93.*]

Jan. 15. *Caveat* that no grant pass of Mr. Sexton's estate in county
Whitehall. Limerick without notice to Mr. Fitzharris or Mr. Moore at the Duchess of Portsmouth's. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 20.*]

Jan. 15. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of Mr. Ashton's petition,
Whitehall. praying a discharge of an arrear of 264*l.*, which he owes as receiver for the hearth-money of Lancashire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 78.*]

Jan. 15. Royal assent to the election of John Fell, D.D., Dean of Christ
Whitehall. Church, to be Bishop of Oxford in the room of Dr. Henry Compton, promoted to the see of London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 22.*]

Jan. 15. Dispensation to Dr. John Fell, Bishop of Oxford, to hold with
Whitehall. the said bishopric the Deanery of Christ Church and the Hospital of St. Oswald near Worcester in *commendam*. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee. Tripoli. Letter of 5-15 Nov. from several merchants, passengers on the *Bristol Merchant* taken by those of Tripoli, read. Agreed to take a peace of those of Tripoli on the terms offered by them confirming the main article against visiting our ships, and explaining it, if need be, in the terms we have done by the treaty of 1671 with Argiers. The King to give up to them the same explanation of the 12th Article of Argiers, *i.e.* to suffer English seamen &c. serving on stranger vessels to be sold &c., in lieu of which try to get what useful articles may be needed. Query, if in those we have with Argiers there be not some worth the asking from Tripoli, and query of the consul what he could wish further. The Lords to meet to-morrow to adjust this and frame an instruction for Sir J. Narbrough to be sent away with speed. Swedes and Denmark. The King ordered me to prepare the two letters for Duclos &c., &c., privately. Sir H. de Vic and Mr. Kirkton, secretaries to Sir Thomas Edwards, 1629, in France.

Jan. 16.—The King and Duke not there. Lords met about instructions for Sir J. Narbrough &c. I not there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 366, p. 77.]

Jan. 15.
Whitehall.

Commissions to James Murray, lieutenant of Sir John Moncreeff's company, to be captain, to Patrick Ogilvie of Murie to be lieutenant, and to Patrick Auchmoutie to be ensign, of the new company of foot lately ordered to be added to the regiment of Guard, whereof the Earl of Linlithgow is colonel. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, pp.* 393-395.]

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Whitehall.

Commissions to Hugh Moncreeff to be lieutenant of the company of his brother Sir John Moncreeff in the regiment of Guard, and to George Murray to be ensign in place of the said Hugh Moncreeff. [*Ibid. pp.* 396, 397.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. . Warrant for paying over the sum of 20,000*l.* yearly reserved out of the present farm of the revenue of Ireland to be disposed of to such uses as the King should direct into England into the hands of William Chiffinch, to be employed in the buildings at Windsor Castle, and, if any letters be hereafter procured for disposing of the said sum or any part thereof to any other use, he is to look on the same as obtained by surprise and accordingly to have no effect. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 9, p. 423.]

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Sir Lionel Walden to Williamson. Thanking him for his present. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 94.]

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Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday morning I received two packets for Mr. Bland and your letter. I made it my business yesterday to seek for a ship for Tangier, but there is none bound thither as yet in the Downs, nor none expected that we hear of. I will keep them till the wind is fair, and, if none come in by that time, I will send them by Capt. Cutting (Cuttance) who goes only to Cadiz to put a merchant ashore, and so directly for Leghorn. Every day from Cadiz they send to Tangier. The last two packets shall be left with the consul at Cadiz, who will undoubtedly take care of them.

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The *Roebuck* arrived this noon in the Downs. Yesterday and to-day above 40 vessels arrived in the Downs from France. Not a topsail gale at S.S.W. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 95.*]

Jan. 16. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind N.E. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. No. 96.]

Jan. 16. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Capt. Harris of the *Quaker* ketch
Pendennis. coming into this harbour, two or three of his men out of malice, as it proves, inform against him above that he should strike to an Ostend man-of-war and by command went on board him, on which came down an order for his stop and for those men's examination, and by strict examination they are found in various and erroneous stories, so that, as it plainly appears, he never struck to them, but avowed rather to sink by their side. It is confessed on all hands they struck to him their French colours, then their Ostend colours. Capt. Harris demanded sight of their commission which the captain sent on board him with a civil invitation, which he accepted and was kindly received. This Capt. Harris is my countryman, and has acted on several accounts worthily and valiantly for his Majesty. Let not malice and envy prejudice the innocent. I request you to befriend him, if occasion. [*Ibid. No. 97.*]

Jan. 16. Warrant for the committal of Colonel Danvers to the custody of the
Constable of the Tower for treasonable practices against the King and State, no person whatsoever to be suffered to have conference with him. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 148.*]

Jan. 16. Warrant to Daniel Whetland or any other messenger in ordinary
Whitehall. to search the sign of the City of Amsterdam behind the Old Exchange for parcels of a scandalous treatise affirming the lawfulness of polygamy, printed abroad, and to seize and bring away any that may be found with the author, importer or disperser of the same, being a foreigner who is said to lodge there. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 112.*]

Jan. 17. Report by Sir Robert Carr on the reference to him of Lady
Clifford's petition that he conceives his Majesty may without detriment to his service and revenue or to the interest of any other grant her request. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 98.*]

Jan. 17. Colonel John Strode to Williamson. Having received yours with
Dover the order of Council concerning Wootten and Venterman I have sent
Castle. them up to you and with them the Marshal of Dover Castle to give you an account of them and their charges. [*Ibid. No. 99.*]

Jan. 17. Francis Bellott to Williamson. Of the ships that I wrote of last
Pendennis. were in this port, many came from France and many were bound for France. On Thursday the wind being N. they made to sea, those homeward-bound went along, but those bound out, the wind turning, were forced in again. On Saturday those bound for France, the wind presenting, went hence. Some few vessels for the Straits are here, expecting a fair wind. The Dane, who came from a new found island, as he says, called St. Thomas, laden with sugars, tobacco, cotton and indigo intends some stay here. Other shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 100.*]

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On the petition of Sir William Bowles, praying his Majesty to signify his pleasure to the Lord Chamberlain to settle on his other sons the office of Master of the tents and toils in reversion, recommendation to the Lord Chamberlain to give order for such a grant as is desired. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 78.]

Jan. 17.
Whitehall.

Grant to George Penne, the younger, and his heirs of a fair to be held at Tollar Wiline (Whelme) Downs, near Hoarstone, in the parish of Corscombe, Devon (Dorset), from 18 to 25 May inclusive, with the tolls and profits thereof. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 112.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to Thomas Smith, messenger, to search, take into custody and bring before the Privy Council John Stevens, a wire-drawer, living near Spitalfields, against whom information has been made on oath that he came last night with one Drinkwater into New Park, and having there taken and killed some of the King's deer, dangerously wounded John Mundy, who opposed them. [*Ibid.*]

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Warrant to Thomas Smith in the same terms regarding John Drinkwater, living with Parsons, a brewer in East Smithfield. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 113.]

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Warrant, after reciting that Capt. Edmund Cooke having represented by his petition that, being taken by the Spaniards near Havana, 10 May, 1673, he lost his ship and cargo to the value of 1,200*l.* of his own goods, and has hitherto in vain solicited here and at the Court of Spain for relief, and that several English merchants, commiserating his low condition, have purchased a Flemish built ship called the *Merchants' Consent*, intending to trade under the said Capt. Cooke, if she shall be made a free ship, for making the said ship a free ship accordingly. [*Precedents* 1, f. 128*A.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting a petition of the Society of Governor and Assistants, London, of the new plantation in Ulster, which set forth that by the contract with Lord Ranelagh and partners it was provided that they should pay before 25 Dec., 1675, to the petitioners 4,000*l.* agreed by the King to be paid them in part compensation for the purchase of the customs of Londonderry, &c., and alleged that they had received no benefit by the said provision, and prayed that the same might be recommended to the Lord Lieutenant for the speedy payment thereof, a reference to the Lord Lieutenant and his report that the petitioners in consideration of the surrender of the said customs were to have received 6,000*l.*, whereof they have had only 2,000*l.*, and that by the said contract the remaining 4,000*l.* were directed to be paid them before Christmas, 1675, of which they have had no benefit, the said Lord Ranelagh having made several over payments, whereby he conceives himself discharged from the payment of this sum, and that, it being a just debt, payment of it may be directed out of the money to be advanced by the new farmers, or out of the yet uncharged part of the yearly revenue of Ireland, and the Lord Treasurer of England agreeing as to the settlement thereof on such

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part of the revenue of Ireland as is yet uncharged (if any) ; for giving order for payment of the said remaining 4,000*l.* with what speed may be to the petitioners out of such part of the said revenue, as is yet uncharged, if any. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 404.*]
- Jan. 18. The Marquis de Ruigny to Williamson. Requesting the restoration of Capt. Maillard's ship which has been arrested by an officer of the Admiralty on pretence of piracy. The said Maillard had a good French commission, and it appears by the depositions taken before the Mayor of Rye that the said ship was attacked in Rye harbour by two Dutch shallops, which fired first and carried off by force from the said ship nine French seamen after killing one and wounding two. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 101.*]
- Jan. 18. M. du Cros to Williamson. Since he could not have the honour
[Received.] of seeing him that morning, begging him to remind him of what the Marquis de Ruigny has asked from his Excellency, a protection for himself and for his house during his absence. He is told that Monsieur Silvius is on the point of departure, and he will wait on his Excellency at what hour he pleases to receive his commands. [*French. Ibid. No. 102.*]
- Jan. 18. Richard Potts to Williamson. Wind southerly, sometimes rain
Stockton. and sometimes frost. [*Ibid. No. 103.*]
- Jan. 18. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One packet-boat arrived last Satur-
Harwich. day and another yesterday, but neither brought any news. [*Ibid. No. 104.*]
- Jan. 18. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.*
Portsmouth. *No. 105.*]
- Jan. 18. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 106.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 106i.]
- Jan. 18. Presentation of Thomas Cartwright, D.D., one of the King's
chaplains in ordinary, to the Deanery of the Collegiate Church of
Ripon, void by the death of Dr. Thomas Tullie. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 80.*]
- Jan. 18. Licence to Hugh Verman, quarter-master of Captain Edwin
Whitehall. Sandys' troop in the Earl of Oxford's regiment of Horse Guards, to be absent for six months in foreign parts, and to be mustered during such absence. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 21.*]
- Jan. 19. Sir Roger Bradshaigh to Williamson. Col. Kirkby has
[Received.] acquainted me that you have promised that the *nolle prosequi*
Haigh, near against Tildesley shall be withdrawn, and it is really just to do so,
Wigan. for I affirm he is no conformist notwithstanding his former suggestions, for the case now before you from Mr. Attorney is really the true matter of fact, so that, if it be practicable to withdraw it without the Attorney's hand to the case, I beg you will dispatch the order to Sir John Otway, his Majesty's Attorney for our county. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 107.*]

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The case concerning Mr. A.B. He was a preacher to the armies against the late King, a violent assserter of the Presbyterian government, and in those times came to be vicar of D. In 1662 he was suspended from that place for his Nonconformity. In 1670 the then bishop of that diocese gave him a licence during pleasure to preach anywhere in his diocese and likewise a certificate that he had before him done what was requisite by the Act of Uniformity, but he did not publicly read the same with the declaration according to that Act on any Lord's day within the next three months in the parish church where he officiates in the presence of the congregation in the time of Divine service, nor has he in any church at any time since publicly and solemnly read the prayers and service appointed in the *Book of Common Prayer* nor publicly declared his assent to and approbation of the said Book and to the use of all the prayers, rites, and ceremonies, forms and orders therein contained and prescribed. Shortly after he was so licensed, the said Bishop died, and since he has had no new licence. 1 Query, whether A.B. by the said Act after three months' omission to declare and read as abovesaid was not thenceforth utterly disabled from preaching in any church, chapel or public place? 2 Query, whether that licence was not determined by the death of that bishop? 3 Query, whether he ought to preach there without a licence from the present bishop?

A.B. since he was so licensed has declared he is of the same judgment and principle he ever was, that he never wears the surplice in the church when he officiates, uses not the cross in baptism, reads not the Litany, omits the rites, ceremonies, forms and orders comprised in the *Book of Common Prayer*, but, that these things might not be required from him, he has procured a poor and ignorant scholar to be presented to this vicarage, whom he declares he can remove if he please. This scholar teaches a school and reads the prayers, all for 10*l.* a year, and is as a servant in all things to the said A.B., and A.B. constantly preaches forenoon and afternoon every Lord's day, and in all things manages the concern of the church and officiates there. Query. Is not this a plain and absolute evasion of the true intent and meaning of the said Act, and does that Act permit A.B. in such case to preach there or be received as conformable?

A.B. not only still keeps up his old faction in the place, but will as heretofore govern the secular concerns of that parish, and, having procured himself to be made a trustee, is sole disposer of several considerable quantities of lands and moneys there which should be disposed to the uses of the church, school, and poor. He has caused several unreasonable sums, threescore pounds at a time, of some by way of subscription, of others as an assessment, to be collected through the parish to reimburse him for the charge of installing the poor scholar and the like. Notwithstanding he was ousted for his Nonconformity and another put in his place, he has still lived at and keeps a house and land worth 25*l.* a year, which was purchased by the parish for the use of the vicars there for the time being. He is a gentleman, pretends to be expert in the law, and keeps and will keep the said house and land, though much against the will of many of the contributors to the purchase thereof, all which considered and that he lives at the place and has not at

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any time sworn before the Justices at Quarter Sessions the test made in the Oxford Act prohibiting Nonconformist ministers from being (except in passing on the road) within five miles of any parish or place, wherein since the Act of Oblivion they were parson, vicar, &c. Query, whether on the whole matter it is not lawful and reasonable to bring an information against A.B. on the said Oxford Act notwithstanding his pretended conformity?

Query, if his Majesty upon misreport of A.B.'s conformity commanded a *nolle prosequi* to be entered by the Attorney-General on an information so brought, whether his Majesty may not now command it to be withdrawn, and that the prosecutor may proceed as if it had not been?

Query, after issue joined on the said information and the *nolle prosequi* entered but at the same assize when the cause stood for hearing, could that *nolle prosequi* hinder the prosecutor by law to proceed for the two third parts belonging to the poor and the prosecutor. *Endorsed*, "The true state of the case with Tildesley." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 108.*]

Jan. 19.
Gravesend.

Sir Francis Leeke to Williamson. To-day a hoy anchored here intending to go for Hole Haven to take up men there for transportation into France contrary to the proclamation and a strict order to me of 15 Nov., 1674, to suffer no officer or person to transport themselves into the French service. I enclose a copy of the indent entered into by the Major and the master of the hoy, and have stopped the master and hoy to know his Majesty's pleasure. [*Ibid. No. 109.*] *Enclosed,*

Articles of agreement made 15 Jan., 1675[-6], between Edmond Maine, Major of the Duke of Monmouth's regiment of horse in the Most Christian King's service, of the one part and Stephen Barge, master and owner of the John and Elizabeth hoy, of the other part, providing for the hire of the hoy for 31 days from the 18th instant for the transportation of men and such other things as the Major shall think fit from England into France. [*Ibid. No. 109 i.*]

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Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Since my last yesterday giving an account of Lord Digby's arrival nothing has happened worth notice, only to-day the wind is come up at south and blows a storm, so that many of the ships in the Downs drove and ride very hard. There are about 100 sail, most merchantmen outward-bound, and we are afraid, if the storm continues, a great many will come to damage. [*Ibid. No. 110.*]

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Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. This morning a messenger from Portland brought news of a small vessel from Ireland of about 20 tons laden with tallow &c. bound for London cast away betwixt the passage and that. All the men saved, and the vessel on the beach not yet abroad, but we cannot yet learn its name and to what place she belongs. [*Ibid. No. 111.*]

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Chester.

Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Yesternight Lord O'Brien came hither in safety to whom I delivered the packets addressed by

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you for him. The weather is at present so rainy that I suppose he will not go hence till to-morrow. Col. Fitzpatrick went hence yesterday towards Holyhead in order to embark for Dublin. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 112.]

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Chester
Castle.

Alexander Rigbye to Williamson. Some ten years since there was a dispute betwixt the Governor of this place and the patent officers, which are only two, the constable or gaoler, and the surveyor. It was carried for the Governor in the Privy Council, and his Majesty was pleased not to take away the present patents, but resolved for the future no more should be granted, but that the Governor or Deputy should take that charge on them. Last Monday the surveyor died, which is the occasion of giving you this trouble that a right understanding may be had before any warrant issue to avoid further trouble. The place is not worth seeking after, being but 14*l.* *per annum*, but we would not be troubled with any stranger. [*Ibid.* No. 113.]

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Notes by Williamson. M. de Ruvigny told me, though but as in passing, that he had received orders from France as to the points lodged in his hands by us these last weeks. 1. That it was not the use that Electors sent any ambassadors into France, and therefore it was to be supposed they would not to Nimeguen. 2. That as to the first visit to the Mediators, the King thought it but reasonable, and accordingly their ambassadors had order in it. In saying *had*, methoughts he fumbled a little, and it looked as if it were only that they *should have*, &c. 3. As to passports. The King agreed to the word papers, in case it were insisted on, though he took that to be included in that of equipage, &c., but, if it were insisted on, he would agree to put it in. As to the clause of couriers, considering the Hollanders were at home, the Imperialists and all the other allies joined (?) immediately on their own confines, and that as to Spain there was but sending from Nimeguen to Brussels, and then they were for all their letters under the security of the standing accord that is between France and Spain, for these reasons the King could not find that clause at all necessary to the conclusion of the peace, and, not being so, he says it is certainly very inconvenient, for that under this pretence they may as spies discover any of his forces, &c. *N.B.*—Which is the exception the King of Denmark makes to the power asked for by the Swedes' ambassador. 4. As to the Duke of Lorraine. The King refuses absolutely to give Prince Charles the title of Duke of Lorraine, for that King, looking on himself, by virtue of the treaty of 1669 with the late Duke, as having right to the whole succession of that Duchy, thinks it would be a giving up of that right, if he should give the title of Duke of Lorraine to Prince Charles. That he is content that the whole matter of the succession and his pretence to it by virtue of that treaty should be treated of in the Assembly, but he cannot think fit to do anything before that might preclude him in his right.

He let fall by chance that the King had ordered M. de Pomponne to write directly to Sir W. Temple without saying anything hither, that he would know whether the States and allies would give out the passports for his ambassadors or not, for, if they would not, he would immediately recall his ambassadors. This seemed to come

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out by chance, before he went to the King and the Duke in the Bedchamber. For, after he came out from them, I did not find he was willing to say any such order was gone to their ambassadors.

Jan. 20.—M. d'Ruvigny was pressed by all means to write to the Most Christian King to remove these new difficulties, especially not to recall his ambassadors, considering particularly how the Envoy Skelton was going upon it (?) to Vienna would miscarry and the King's honour suffer.

This last business J. W. was sent for at night to tell M. de Ruvigny of, and to pray him to write about it. The King also wrote himself to Lord Berkeley about it. At the same time M. de Ruvigny put into my hand, with the liking of the King, as he said, 11 passes for the allies to be sent to Sir W. Temple. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 78.*]

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Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee. Mediation. Mr. Skelton's letter 11-21 Jan. from the Hague. The States and the Prince absolutely refuse to give their offices in favour of Prince William of Furstenberg. Mr. Skelton gone forwards. They deny that Van Beuningen had any orders to promise their offices.

Sir W. Temple 11-21 Jan. As to passports. Copies of de Lyra's and Campricht's memorials about their masters' passports, &c. Those from Brandenburg and Lünenberg also expected by the States. Denmark scruples, but they will see to press them. *N.B.* The condition the Emperor means to put in M. de Strasburg's pass, not to serve (?) Mons. de Deshout (?). Dutch Ambassadors' journal at Cologne as to the first visit. *N.B.*—Remember the King what he has ordered in that matter as to others that will not visit ours first *i.e.* others not to see them, &c.

Sir L. Jenkins' from Nimeguen, 7-17 Jan., a duplicate, and 8-18 Jan.

As to first visits. To be proceeded (?) against the rest come, where the Spanish ministers, &c. should refuse to submit to our rule of Cologne as to the first visit.

Either an expedient or good reasons to justify our rule. Query, if the King keep to what he agreed last on this point *i.e.*, that they follow the first instructions.

Mr. Skelton, 11-21 Jan. Has had a refusal from the States. Is gone on his way. What I writ yesterday to him.

Denmark. Paul, 28 Dec., 4 Jan. [*Ibid. p. 81.*]

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Postwarrant to Mr. Fryer to go to Norwich, Lynn, and elsewhere in Norfolk and to return. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 114.*]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to [Sir W. Lawson]. Expressing his grief at having to bring this second complaint of the conduct of his son, Mr. Lawson, who, though under his own roof and as welcome to him as his nearest relation, governs himself so wholly contrary to the rules of Williamson's little family and the directions he had set him for his own good, that he thinks he ought not to be further answerable for him. [*Draft or copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 114.*]

Jan. 20.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind continues southerly and the days dark and dirty. [*Ibid. No. 115.*]

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Jan. 20. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Last night came in here an Ostender with a French prize laden with salt, which coming to an anchor the cable broke, and they were forced to run ashore near Sandown Castle. The next high water she broke in pieces, only a little of her sails and rigging saved. All the rest of the ships ride well without damage. To-day proves very fine weather. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 116.*]
- Jan. 20. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. (News of the shipwreck mentioned in the last.) Yesterday was held at St. James' Church in Dover, before the Governor of Dover Castle, a court of Loadsmange, which is for taking notice of offences committed by pilots or offences against them and choosing of pilots, &c., where the Governor showed himself a very noble judge and merciful, and encouraged those that had served his Majesty by making them pilots and removing them. So likewise he did the last Court about 20 months since. What happened these two days past, I beg your pardon, for I, as clerk to the fellowship of Deal, am bound to be there. A topsail gale at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 117.*]
- Jan. 20. Truro. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Thanking him for his letter of the 15th. Wind N. [*Ibid. No. 118.*]
- Jan. 20. Whitehall. Licence to Sir John Wynne, High Sheriff of Merionethshire, to be absent from his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 23.*]
- Jan. 20. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to deliver to Capt. Trelawny or to such persons as he shall appoint 200 fire-arms and 2 barrels of powder with shot and match proportionable for the use of the garrison of Tangier. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 21.*]
- Jan. 20. Whitehall. *Caveat* that no grant pass of any remainder on estates tail in Ireland, his Majesty having granted such remainders to the Duchess of Cleveland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 20.*]
- Another copy thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 3.*]
- Jan. 20. Pass for Eberhard van Graffenthal, whom the King is sending to Stockholm on his business. [*Latin. Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 114.*]
- Jan. 20. Whitehall. Pass for the Earl of Winchelsea with his lady and family to go beyond the seas with 60*l.* in money and their carriages and utensils, provided that the said Earl does not resort to the territories of any prince not in amity with England, nor keep company with any person departed from England without the King's licence, nor use the company of any Jesuit, seminary priest or otherwise evil affected to England, and also that the said Earl return if recalled. [*Precedents 1, f. 130.*]
- Jan. 21. Whitehall. Order in Council for printing and publishing a proclamation for pricing of wines for the ensuing year. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 119.*] *Annexed,*
Copy of the said proclamation. [*Ibid. No. 119 1.*]

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William, son and heir of the late Edward Peck, serjeant-at-law, to the King. Petition, showing that his father having purchased the lands in Essex of the late Sir Edward Greene, of Soupford, Essex, who had a grant of a baronetcy, with the usual discharge, in July, 1660, process has now been issued against the said lands for levying 1,095*l.* charged on the said Sir Edward for the baronetcy, and praying that, as his father purchased without notice of any claim when he made the purchase and as Sir Edward's son is beyond the seas and the petitioner is not able to produce the Privy Seal, he may have a warrant for a new Privy Seal discharging the debt. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 878, No. 120.] *Annexed,*

Certificate of entry in the Privy Seal Docquet Book of the grant of the dignity of a baronetcy to Edward Greene, and of the usual discharge in respect thereof, July, 1660. [Ibid. No. 120 i.]

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Sir Peter Wyche to the King. Petition praying copyright for 14 years in certain geographical cards he has modelled and framed, representing the several kingdoms, countries and parts of the world whereby geography may be easily and familiarly learned by all sorts of people. *At the side,*

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Whitehall.

Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. On the back, His report in favour of granting the petitioner's request. 22 Jan. [Ibid. No. 121.]

Another copy of the above reference. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 78.]

Jan. 21.

The information of William Brooke, apprentice in chirurgery to Mr. Molins, taken before Sir J. Williamson. Deposing as to the nature of the wounds received by John Drinkwater, lately committed to the Marshalsea for wounding one Mundy, who opposed him in the hunting and killing of his Majesty's deer in New Parks. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 878, No. 122.]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [Ibid. No. 123.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [Ibid. No. 123 i.]

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Claim by the town of Maidenhead by Edward Offley, their attorney, of the right of taking three oaks every third year in the King's woods within his manors of Cookham and Bray or within the seven Hundreds of Cookham and Bray for the repairs of Maidenhead Bridge by virtue of a charter of King James dated 4 Aug., 1604. *Latin.* On the back are receipts dated 21 Jan. 1675-6 to Mrs. Elizabeth Ryley for 1*s.* 4*d.* assessed on the landlord for trophy money for a house in the Great Sanctuary, Westminster, and also for the like sum due from Mrs. Dorothy Randolph, deceased, for trophy money for another house in the same place. [7 pages. *Ibid.* No. 124.]

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Memorandum of letters of 12 and 24 Nov., 1675, calendared *ante*, pp. 400, 415, and 21 Jan., 1675-6, concerning a canonry of Exeter. [Ibid. No. 125.]

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Jan. 21. The King to the Bishop of Exeter. Repeating his former
Whitehall. recommendation by his letters of 12 Nov. last of Bernard Galard,
M.A., for the first vacant canonry there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry
Book 47, p. 22.*]

Jan. 21. Warrant to Thomas Widowes, messenger, to take into custody
Whitehall. and bring before the Council Stephen Wootten and Thomas
Venterman arrested for treasonable words within the liberty of the
Cinque Ports and thence brought up to London. [*Home Office,
Warrant Book 1, p. 115.*]

Jan. 21. Privy Seal granting to William Peck of the Inner Temple, 1,095*l.*
Whitehall. which Sir Edward Green, late of Soupford, Essex, deceased, in
regard of his being made a baronet, 26 July, 1660, was obliged
to pay in consideration of certain services to be by him performed.
Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 21. Warrant to the Attorney-General, after reciting the petition of
Whitehall. the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London (the purport of which
appears by the Lord Treasurer's report of 10 Jan.) to prepare a pardon
and release of the sum of 15,463*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.* therein mentioned.
[2 pages. *Ibid.* p. 116.]

Jan. 22. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One of our packet-boats arrived
Harwich. last night. The master met with no news at the Brill, except that
on their stricter examination they every day find their losses more
and more by the late inundation in overflowing of lands, over-
throwing and drowning of houses and destruction of people and
cattle. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 126.*]

Jan. 22. Richard Watts to Williamson. This noon arrived in the Downs
Deal. the *London* from Bantam in East India. We hear not of any news,
she being scarce at anchor. The East India ship *Mary*, outward-
bound, is yet in the Downs, and about 100 outward-bound ships.
The wind is variable between S. and S.W., a topsail gale. [*Ibid.*
No. 127.]

Jan. 22. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. News of the *London* as in the
Deal. last. [*Ibid.* *No. 128.*]

Jan. 22. Nathaniel Osborne to Williamson. The vessel driven ashore
Weymouth. between Portland and the passage, I wrote of in my last, appears
now to be that ship the *Gazette* mentions in August last, to be
carried into Cork by pirates, some of whom were there executed.
The men in her now were, I hear, English, and bound with her for
Rohan (Rouen). The Vice-Admiral's deputy has, I hear, saved
about half the goods, of which there are two barrels of cochineal.
The rest not pilfered away, the sea took again into her bowels from
the beach. [*Ibid.* *No. 129.*]

Jan. 22. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Last Thursday Lord O'Brien
Chester. went hence towards Billing. I suppose he will ere long be at
Whitehall. Yesterday the Countess of Meath went hence to
Neston intending to go aboard the *Swan*, but met there with the
dogger, which immediately sailed thence with her for Dublin. [*Ibid.*
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Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Henry Howard and Thomas Wyndham praying a lease of several farms and tenements in Troutbrick (Troutbeck) and Trostbrick, Westmorland, now in jointure to the Queen, for 31 years in reversion after the present estate. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 79.*]

Jan. 22.
Whitehall.

Proclamation fixing the prices of wines for the ensuing year as ordered by the Lord Chancellor and others. [*S.P. Dom., Proclamations 3, p. 346.*]

Jan. 23.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 131.*]

Jan. 23.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Being Sabbath Day I have no list of ships. A French privateer come in here reports that Argier has proclaimed war with the English. [*Ibid. No. 132.*]

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Warrants for making free the *Hollandia*, a prize taken in the late war, and condemned in the Scotch Court of Admiralty, and the *Lady Margaret*, to be registered by the name of the *Adrice* of London. [*Precedents 1, f. 129.*]

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Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee. Mediation. Sir W. Temple 18-28 Jan. The first visit. Monsr. Pomponne's letter to Sir W. Temple in answer to the difficulties made by the States on the French passes, upon Monsr. de Lorraine's titles, &c. Has acquainted the Prince with it. He is of opinion that the difficulties will be insisted on. He delays to move the States without the King's orders. Query, what the King will direct.—Sir William must say to the States what the King of France answers and that his Majesty has himself already interposed, to have them removed, if possible.—The Prince prays the King will not lose what is done towards the treaty.—Say what the King has done, &c. as to France to bring them to reason in these points, &c.

Sir W. Swan 14-24 Jan. About a certain order of Court. Whether he as the King's Resident to stop the execution of it.—Nothing said. It's a private matter of the Company's.

Mr. Skelton was at Amsterdam on his way. What should be said to him on what has happened of the French King's difficulties about passports?—Order him to stay where the letter finds him till such answer, &c. Let Don Pedro have it and Monsr. de Ruigny and the Bishop of Strasburg. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 85.*]

Jan. 24.
Hinton.

Lord Poulett to Williamson. Since my return to the country I have considered the Dorsetshire militia and find it needful in one part of the country to add one deputy lieutenant, wherefore I choose by your favour to propose to his Majesty Mr. Miller, of Priddie, near Weymouth, as a very proper person. As soon as you shall signify his pleasure therein I shall proceed accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 133.*]

Jan. 24.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. To-day arrived a ship from Barbados, but brought no more news than the last ships brought. The East India ship *Mary* and all the Straits and other outward-bound ships are yet in the Downs, the contrary winds keeping at least 120 sail there. It blows all day fresh at S. and by W. There

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being sudden expectation of a N.E. wind, and finding no ship directly bound for Tangier, I have sent your two packets for Mr. Bland to Captain Cutting (Cuttance) who goes to Cadiz only to put one merchant there ashore, and then up the Straits, who says he will either leave them at Cadiz, from whence they may be sent every day almost, or himself deliver them to Mr. Bland, who is his near kinsman, but, if there come orders to the contrary or a ship bound directly to Tangier, I will send for them and send them that way. Three or four days after the first N.E. wind I shall come for London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 134.]

Jan. 24.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. The ships that were here have been at sea near 20 leagues off, and by a cross wind were forced back hither last Saturday. This week about nine or ten small vessels are come in here all bound for France, and two Irish vessels one from Middleburg bound for St. Antonio, and the other from Dublin for Nantes. Friday came in the *Golden Hind* of London from Barbados. [*Ibid.* No. 135.]

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Falmouth

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The 22nd came in here the *Golden Hind* of London in two months from Barbados. Two more came out with her, but are separated by foul weather. They reported the last hurricane lasted a long time and destroyed many ships, blew down many houses and destroyed many people, so that all sorts of provision are very dear, salt beef for 4*l.* *per cut.* and all other victuals proportionally. Sugars are sold there for 15*s.* *per cut.* and all other commodities very dear. The *Royal Defence* of London laden with tin and herrings for Genoa and other places in the Straits is by contrary winds put into this port again. [*Ibid.* No. 136.]

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Request that notice be given to Sir Stephen Fox if any person shall petition in Secretary Williamson's office for a patent for an engine contrived by Thomas Hatton of Blanckney, Lincolnshire, for the drawing of coal pits, mines or drowned lands and therein described. [*Ibid.* No. 137.]

Jan. 24.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of Sir John Robinson's petition praying that he may have so many fee-farm rents as may amount to 4,451*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*, being so much due to him on orders registered on the fee-farm rents, after satisfaction of such persons as are preferable to him, or, if [not] enough remain, he may be otherwise satisfied. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 79.]

Jan. 24.
Whitehall.

Grant to Sir Peter Wyche of the sole right of printing and selling certain geographical cards for 14 years. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 118.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Giles Eyre and his heirs of two fairs to be held on 12 April and on St. Matthew's Day at Downton, Wiltshire, as mentioned in an inquisition taken at Chippenham, 8 Nov. last. [*Ibid.*]

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Whitehall.

Privy Seal for discharging Charles and Robert Rich from payment of 1,095*l.* the creation money due in respect of the baronetcy conferred on them. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 119.]

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- Jan. 25. Viscount Cullen to Williamson. Expressing how infinitely obliged he is for his concerning himself for him, and begging him to give Mr. Portlock leave to acquaint him further with the particulars of the writer's business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 138.*]
Enclosed,

Account of Viscount Cullen's extraordinary expenses on his Majesty's account since the restoration.

*First, raising a volunteer troop, which continued a considerable time, cost him at least 200*l.* Secondly extraordinary expenses all the time he commanded the militia troop, which was for several years, being very often commanded out on duty, and the pay being inconsiderable, at least 150*l.* Lastly, for going himself and sending sundry parties to search for Capt. Bane, at least 40*l.*, and, when he had taken him, for his charge and trouble in keeping him in the writer's own house, till he sent him safe prisoner to the Tower, all at his own charge, and considering the trouble also, 100*l.*, which he hopes will not be judged unreasonable. [*Ibid. No. 138 i.*]*

- Jan. 25. Sir John Dawnay to Williamson. The Corporation of Doncaster having lately chosen Mr. Boynton for their Recorder, begging his assistance in getting him confirmed. [*Ibid. No. 139.*]

- Jan. 25. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Wind for the most part S. and S.W.
 Harwich. No news. [*Ibid. No. 140.*]

- Jan. 25. John Bullacke, Mayor, and three jurats of Dover to Williamson.
 Dover. We enclose the examinations of a person now in custody in our prison and beg your speedy directions. He is an indigent man, not having a penny, and has a child of about 3 or 4 years of age, which we have ordered the overseers of the poor to take care of till we receive your directions. [*Ibid. No. 141.*] *Enclosed,*

*Examination of Lewis Maurice of Abberville, France, taken 24 Jan. He landed at Bristol from the Barbados about 14 days since in an English vessel, intending to go into France, and coming to London was informed of a proclamation against Jesuits and priests, and he, being a Popish priest in orders, immediately came for Dover in order to his passage for France. As soon as he came there, he applied to the Mayor and other Commissioners there, and declared himself a priest and desired a pass for Calais, which was denied him. [*Ibid. No. 141 i.*]*

*Examination of Lewis Maurice, of Abberville, physician, taken 25 Jan. He came from Bristol to London (as in the last examination), where he had a child, and so to Dover, and being in drink last night was brought before the Mayor by the clerk of the passage, and he desires his passage to France. [*Ibid. No. 141 ii.*]*

- Jan. 25. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind W. No news. [*Ibid.*
 Portsmouth. No. 142.]

- Jan. 25. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Only two ships arrived since my
 Plymouth. last, and only one more a French privateer bound a cruising. [*Ibid. No. 143.*] *Enclosed,*

*The list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 143 i.*]*

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Jan. 25. Sir J. Williamson to Mr. Rosewell, Head-master of Eton. I
Whitehall. have engaged Mr. Provost in favour of a poor gentleman's child, one Walsingham, who is about 11 years old. He is now with me ready to be sent down, but, before I would suffer his relations to bring him, I have desired to bespeak your kindness and care to him. I pray you to think of a good, careful, sober house, where he may be placed, till he can get into the foundation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 70.*]
- [Jan. ?] Robert Breton of London, merchant, to the King in Council. Petition, setting forth that his correspondent, Thomas Martyn, of Teneriffe, is sole owner of a small vessel now called the *Advice*, bought in 1672 soon after the beginning of the late war on purpose to trade for England, licence by proclamation having been given for foreign ships to import commodities, which made three voyages laden with Canary wine, and, being worn out in that employment, was docked last April and valued at but 10*l.*; where she had a new keel and several repairs, costing 202*l.*, so that, when she went out of dock, she was almost wholly English built, and praying that she may be made a free ship. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 144.*]
- Jan. 26. Order in Council that the said ship be made free, and that one of
Whitehall. the Secretaries of State prepare a warrant for the King's signature, making her a free ship. [*Ibid. No. 145.*]
- Jan. 26. John Rosewell to Williamson. I am ready to receive the child
you design for this school and will be sure to treat him with that care and kindness which it becomes me to use towards one for whom you are so far concerned. I have bespoke a place for his reception, where, I believe, he will be very well looked to, till by Mr. Provost's favour he shall be promoted into the College. I am sensible of the great obligations you have on me, and will endeavour to discover that I am so. [*Ibid. No. 146.*]
- Jan. 26. Richard Bower to Williamson. Last post we had letters from
Yarmouth. Marseilles of the 11th instant, that that day they had an account from Messina that the fleets were engaged. What confirms us in the belief of it is, that we also received by the same post by a letter from James Davison of this town, master, bound for Venice, that going into the Vare (Faro) of Messina he fell in with the Dutch and Spanish fleet of about 30 sail, and passing through the Vare he met the French fleet of about 40 sail coming in from the Eastward and acquainted them that the Dutch fleet were come in to the Westward, at which they seemed well pleased, saying they were resolved to engage them. [*Ibid. No. 147.*]
- Jan. 26. John Man to Williamson. The storms continue here, which
Swansea. brings us tidings of parts of vessels being seen floating on the sea, and some butts and other cask have been seen swimming on the sea by masters, who have come in here from the Western coast. Last Sunday morning a little before day was a violent storm, which forced the *Greyhound* of Bristol with linen cloth from Morlaix homeward-bound, over the bar of North Burry about 10 miles westward of this, the master and company not knowing where they were, nor the danger they were in, for, if it had not been just on

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the height of the flood, they had doubtless all perished, it being a most dangerous bar. So soon as day appeared, a boat met them and brought them into the pool near Llanelly without much damage, and there she rides, waiting for a fair wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 148.]

Jan. 26. List of the days and hours at which the post goes from and arrives at Nimeguen to and from various places. [*Ibid.* No. 149.]

Jan. 26. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Understanding Whitehall. that their bishop intends to confer the chanterhip of their church, which is likely to become void, on Edward Lake, M.A., chaplain to the Dean of York, which he approves of, and having written to them on behalf of John Ceely for the first vacant canonry there, but understanding that the chanter ought by the statutes of that church to have the canonry, if he demands it, he does not wish this to be prevented by his letters in favour of John Ceely, but the canonry is still to continue annexed to the chanterhip. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, p. 81.]

Jan. 26 Sir J. Williamson to the Governor of Gravesend. This bearer is particularly appointed by his Majesty at the instance of the Dutch near 5. Ambassador to inform you of a certain design now near to be Whitehall. executed on the river, and to signify his pleasure, that you be assisting to the captain of the Dutch convoy riding near you in the river in whatever he shall have need of, not only for defeating the design, but to secure, if possible, the authors and contrivers of it. The bearer will acquaint you with the particulars at large, to whom you are therefore to give entire credence, and to proceed to be assisting, as upon concert with the captain of the man-of-war shall be found necessary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 43, p. 71.]

Jan. 26. *Careat* at Sir Stephen Fox's desire that no letters patent pass for the sole use of an engine contrived by Thomas Hatton, of Blanckney, co. Lincoln, for the drawing (*sic*) of coal-pits, mines or drowned lands without notice to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 45, p. 20.]

Jan. 26. Licence to the High Sheriff of Monmouthshire to repair to Bristol Whitehall. or elsewhere, as his occasions shall require. [*Precedents* 1, f. 129.]

Jan. 26. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for giving orders Whitehall. for payment to the Archbishop of Dublin and Viscount Granard, the present Lords Justices, of 100*l.* *per mensem* each for their entertainment out of the advance money payable by the new farmers or such other part of the Irish revenue as shall first be paid into the Exchequer there, the said allowance to commence from the date of their commission and to continue till the Lord Lieutenant's arrival in Dublin. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office*, Vol. 9, p. 431.]

Jan. 27. Sir Vere Fane to Williamson. I have often heard you speak kindly Mereworth. of Mr. Yeates, Rector of Crayford, which has encouraged me to beg your assistance on his behalf in a small affair. Marsh, a neighbour of mine, is a prebendary of St. Paul's. He is an ancient man and grows crazy and is not like to live long. I believe it may be in your power to recommend Mr. Yeates as his successor, if it be not

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already bestowed. The stipend is but 20*l.* a year, and a lease belonging to it, which Mr. Marsh lately renewed to the Lord Chamberlain. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 150.]

Jan. 27.
Bridlington.

T. Aslaby to Williamson. Some few ships we see pass by light and loaden. Four fine ships are gone out of this port most laden with corn for Newcastle, and the rest of our ships are fitting out to sea and will be ready to go the next light moon. [*Ibid.* No. 151.]

Jan. 27.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Last Tuesday night arrived one of our packet-boats. An English gentleman that came over from Dort said that before his coming away it was reported and believed that the Prince of Orange's lieutenant-general fell on a strong party of the French not far from Maestricht, where they had lodged themselves but the night before, and had given them a very great defeat with much loss to them, but he could name neither the commanders nor the place. Wind still southerly. [*Ibid.* No. 152.]

Jan. 27.
Gravesend.

Sir Francis Leeke to Williamson. This worthy person will give you an account that the Holland Ambassador's letter came so seasonably to the captain of that man-of-war that he is now with me and prepared against all surprises, which you will know by the letter Major Wood will show you. [*Ibid.* No. 153.]

Jan. 27.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 154.]

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Truro.

Hugh Acland to Williamson. No news. Wind N.W. [*Ibid.* No. 155.]

Jan. 27.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. To-day the *Quaker* ketch, Capt. Harris commander, being bound for (*sic*) Tangier, put to sea for London by a particular order from his Majesty to answer to several of his men that allege he gave order for striking his topsail to a Spanish privateer, which he denies, and some of his men are on his side. He has been examined here by the Mayor, and their depositions sent up to the Lords of the Admiralty. I suppose some of his men speak against him out of envy because he has corrected them for their misdemeanours. [*Ibid.* No. 156.]

Jan. 27.
Whitehall.

Secretary Coventry to the Bishop of Carlisle. The vicar of Stanwix has petitioned for the King's interposition in reference to a deduction made by his lordship in the allowance settled on his vicarage. His Majesty wishes to know what his lordship has to say in the matter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 191.]

Jan. 27.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of Lady Dallison's petition, desiring a pension, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of her husband's good services and sufferings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 46, p. 80.]

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Clause from a document. In case his Majesty's occasions within the said time should necessarily require greater or other payments to any of the uses in the scheme annexed, or to some use not therein mentioned, it is provided that the Lord High Treasurer shall make such payments, over and above the particular sums

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limited in the said scheme, by warrant from his Majesty under his sign manual and not otherwise. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 378, No. 157.]

Jan. 28.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Enclosing list of ships arrived. The *Newcastle* set sail to-day for the Downs. Her commander declares the contrary of the news we lately had that Algiers had made a breach with us, for there was a very good understanding between us and them. [*Ibid.* No. 158.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 1581.]

Jan. 28.
Whitehall.

The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge University. Requiring them to admit to the degree of M.A. John Wicar, bred a scholar in foreign universities, and there admitted master of arts, who wishes to complete his studies at Cambridge. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f.* 192.]

Jan. 28.
Whitehall.

Approbation of William Miller, of Priddie, near Weymouth, to be a deputy lieutenant for Dorsetshire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p.* 21.]

Jan. 28.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of James Clerk, praying a lease to make up to 99 years the term he has in the manor of East Moulsey with the fishing of Moulsey River from Cobham Bridge, and the ferries of Hampton Court and Hampton town. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p.* 80.]

Jan. 28.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Marmaduke Dorrell praying a lease of the extended lands of Dudley Rewse, late receiver-general of moneys given to his Majesty by divers Acts, who bequeathed all his estate to the petitioner, till the petitioner can get his papers and clear his accounts as such receiver-general. [*Ibid.* p. 81.]

Jan. 28.
Whitehall.

Restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Oxford to Dr. John Fell, to commence from the time of the translation of the late bishop to London. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p.* 23.]

Jan. 28.
Whitehall.

Warrant, after reciting demises by the late Queen Mother and her trustees of a parcel of land called Walliacke, in the Forest of Inglewood, Cumberland, and of other parcels of lands in the Honour of Penrith to James Long for two lives, both of which leases have since been purchased by Sir Christopher Musgrave, and are parcel of the Queen's jointure, who has power during her life to grant leases thereof for 31 years or three lives, for a demise of all the premises to the said Sir C. Musgrave for 31 years in reversion after the estates in being, and such others as shall be granted by the Queen and her trustees in pursuance of the said power, at the existing rents. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p.* 119.]

Jan. 28.

Pass for the Duchess of Cleveland and her two sons Henry, Duke of Grafton, and George, Earl of Northumberland, to go into France as well for her own occasions as for the better education of her said sons, with their retinue of about 40 persons and 20 coach and saddle horses, 100*l.* in money and all other baggage &c. belonging to her. [*Precedents 1, f.* 131.]

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Jan. 28. Proclamation explaining that the proclamation of 22 Dec. last, which declared the passes granted to the ships and vessels of subjects before 1 Jan. last, to be in force only to 1 May, after which new passes are to be granted for a year, extended only to ships trading in the Mediterranean, with reference to the treaties with Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Proclamations* 3, p. 347.]
Whitehall.
- [Jan. ?] Thomas Turberville to the King. Petition for a commission of review, to rehear the cause between him and Mary Duke, *alias* Turberville, who pretended a nuncupative will of their brother, George Turberville, and, decision being against her in the Court of Delegates, set up a scroll which she pretended to be his will, and had sentence in her favour in the said court. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 378, No. 159.]
- Jan. 29. Reference thereof to the Lord Chancellor. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 81.]
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- Jan. 29. William Reade to Williamson. Having formerly by your favour obtained a mandatory letter, a copy whereof I enclose, from his Majesty to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter requiring them to elect me to the canonry next void in that church, and being lately informed that by the importunate solicitations of some you have been prevailed with to procure a letter of greater force and energy for another to the same effect, whereby the former one in my behalf seems not only to be superseded but rendered wholly ineffectual, I desire only that this favour be added to your former, that, since you were instrumental in procuring both the letters, you would signify your indifference which of them first takes effect, that so the Dean and Chapter may be left at liberty, without obliging you, to elect whichever of the two they think fittest, for I doubt not but I have a better and truer interest in that body in general, and also in every member thereof than any who has yet appeared as a candidate. If you shall vouchsafe me one line to this effect, I shall hereby oblige myself to be fully responsible to you for any prejudice you may sustain. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 378, No. 160.]
Exeter.
- Jan. 29. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Wind S.W. No news. [*Ibid.*]
Portsmouth. No. 161.]
- Jan. 29. Warrant for a grant to Joseph Roberts, of All Saints' parish, Canterbury, of the fines of 70*l.* paid by him on behalf of himself, and three other inhabitants of the said place, who were convicted on the statute against riots, for being present and acting at a riding, commonly called Skimington, in the said city, the said fines having been paid to and being in the hands of Sir Thomas Fanshaw, coroner and attorney in the King's Bench, and Roberts having petitioned for the return thereof, on the ground that he was ignorant of acting against any law. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 26, f. 206.]
- Jan. 29. Warrant, after reciting the letter of 1 April, 1674, calendared in the last volume p. 219, which directed a grant to the Earl of Castlehaven of a pension of 500*l.* a year until payment to him of the sum of 5,000*l.* therein mentioned, and a petition of the said
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Earl praying that letters might be passed under the Great Seal of England for settling the said 500*l.* *per annum* on the establishment of Ireland, and a reference thereof to the Lord Lieutenant and his report in favour of granting the prayer of the petition: for a grant to pass the Great Seal of England of a pension of 500*l.* a year from Michaelmas last out of the Irish revenue as interest for the said 5,000*l.*, till the same be paid at one payment, the same to be placed on the Irish establishment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 207.*]

Jan. 29. Memorandum that the Bishop of London signified his Majesty's pleasure that in future no *careats* should be entered for preferments in the Church, and that none entered in time past should be of any force, but such as specified the particular place or dignity. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 20.*]

Jan. 29. The Bishop of London to [Williamson]. To the effect of the above memorandum. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 162.*]

Jan. 29. Grant to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's by their agents appointed with the consent of the Commissioners for rebuilding St. Paul's of a licence to raise stone in the Isle of Portland, and also to receive from persons using the piers, cranes, and ways repaired and maintained by them for transporting stone, a duty not exceeding 4*d.* a ton, as prayed in the said Commissioners' petition calendared *ante*, p. 467. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 128.*]

Jan. 29. Warrant on the petition of Benjamin Barnes for making the *Cornelia*, taken in the late Dutch war, and condemned in the Admiralty Court of Scotland, a free ship. [*Precedents 1, f. 131.*]

Jan. 29. Robert Leigh to Williamson. What I have at present to trouble Dublin. you with is to acquaint you that one of the ablest citizens I know here made me a very fair proposition, and in my opinion much better than any of the kind I have met with hitherto, viz., that he will discover a thing in the King's grant to the value of about 200*l.* a year, that whoever obtains the grant of it under the great seal of England shall, on making over the King's title to him, the discoverer, have 1,000*l.* paid down, and the discoverer himself will be at the hazard, charge and trouble to recover it at law. He says it neither concerns the Acts of Settlement nor any of that nature, but is freely in the King's gift, and that, unless watched at the Signet, others may put in for it, before he and I come to an agreement, and that, when it is discovered, he knows it will meet with opposition, unless passed in England, and that also, after the Lord Lieutenant comes away, though it be nothing prejudicial to him. This I look on as a very feasible thing, and I know the man that propounds it to be very knowing in matters of the city and worth 800*l.* a year in inheritance, so I may confidently recommend the doing it to you and the offer he makes as a very safe and good one, considering he takes all the hazard on himself and that things to be recovered at law in Ireland are troublesome and chargeable enough, but he is wary, for, before he discovers the particulars, he will be satisfied of my power to secure him that, on paying the 1,000*l.*, he shall have the patentee's title duly conveyed to him, and, though I offered him my own bonds, yet, in regard I told him I

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must work it out by means of a person of quality in England, he would not put the matter into my hands, till he first saw something that might confirm him that the conditions I made should be confirmed by the grantee. Therefore, if you think this for your purpose and that I can serve you in it, let me with all convenient speed have your commands and something that may convince the discoverer that the conveyance shall be made to him on paying the 1,000*l.* as aforesaid, and in the meantime please cause a *careat* to be entered at the Signet Office that no grant relating to the City of Dublin pass without your knowledge. I give you many thanks for commanding the Newsletter to be sent me as formerly on Mr. Belington's application on my behalf. I hear no more of Mr. Graham's business since it was left to you and Lord Aungier in England. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 4.*]

Jan. 30.
Whitehall.

Certificate by the Duke of Monmouth that he consents that Edward Lake, one of the domestic chaplains of his Royal Highness, use his endeavours to obtain his Majesty's letters mandatory to the University of Cambridge for creating him D.D. by accumulation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 163.*]

Jan. 30.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The outward-bound fleet of above 130 sail is yet in the Downs. Yesterday arrived the *Quaker* ketch, Capt. Harris commander, from his waiting on the Governor of Tangier, and sailed to-day for the Thames. Several ships from the West Indies, Straits and other remote places arrive daily, all Europe being at present very silent and news barren.

About ten days ago arrived here a vessel from Holland, bound for the Straits (some say for Argier). The Dutch put an Englishman master, and, 'tis said, he has broken bulk and sold away at Deal and elsewhere a very considerable quantity of scarlets and other fine woollen cloth, linen, pepper, &c., and three days ago, his own men leaving him, he hired a pilot and seamen to carry his ship to Calais, where he made known she belonged to Holland. That governor secured the ship and imprisoned both master, pilot and seamen, a just reward for their bad action. 'Tis said that vessel, though a small one, was worth 20,000*l.* Wind daily variable, but most inclinable to S. and S.W. [*Ibid. No. 164.*]

Jan. 30.

Notes by Williamson of proceedings at the Foreign Committee. Holland. Sir W. Temple's letter, 1 Feb. If the King expect an answer to his letter to the States in favour of Prince William.—Let it alone and rather not ask for any answer. M. de Pomponne's letter to Sir W. Temple and his answer. N.B. The King did not put in the clause of couriers, nor prescribed the form as now it is to the Confederates, much less to France, yet thinks it agreeing with forms used in like occasions as Cologne, Münster, Vervins, &c. The Duke of Lorraine's title. The Treaty of 1662 never spoke of as any part of the ground or right of seizing Lorraine in 1670.—Certainly he will and ought to have the title.—*Query* what more to be said to Skelton &c. Would be at Cologne yesterday sevensnight. What I writ to him.—Nothing till something come from France.—Or to Ducker. Ducker to choose if he will, and to London (?) &c. as he himself will.

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Mediation. Sir L. Jenkins. 19 Jan. French Ambassadors' letter to him and his answer. What further necessary to do to prevent public entries.—That point presses not so much yet.—The two leagues neutral country as good as nothing.—Four leagues at Vervins. The circuit is not for furnishing provisions, but for the Ambassadors' recreation and riding abroad.

Emperor.—Ducker's last letter 9–19 Jan. with a copy of the Emperor's to the King. What to do with the original, bring it or send it. If he himself to come. May he not give the King some lights? Prays a character from the King of Envoyé, to enable him to remain there.—The King does not think that fit—but even with that thinks it not worth the going back, unless Mr. Skelton carry something more strong with him, than what we had agreed at London. Will expect orders at Nimeguen. Would send the King's letter to Prince William in one of his own.

Sweden.—Swedish Ambassador's memorial calling for answer.—His own fault that he has not had an answer long since in writing. The Lords to meet to see the whole state of that matter, and, since he will have, let him have an answer in writing.—Has in his hands the passports from his Master &c. Query, if they do not run in the style of those at Cologne even with the couriers (?) and title of Duke of Lorraine.

Holland.—Dutch Ambassador's memorial of 22 Jan.—1 Feb. against those of Boston in New England.—Bring it to the Council. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 89.*]

Jan. 31.
Rochester.

John Conny, Mayor, to Williamson. Endeavouring to have this day observed with that decorum as by all good men it ought to be, I understood that Samuel Fox, a tailor and a Quaker, notwithstanding the advice of some of my officers to shut his shop windows, refused to do it, whereupon I went myself with some of the Aldermen and Common Council and a constable and first desired, and then on refusal commanded the shutting up of his shop, which he still refusing, I commanded the constable to do it, which he did in my sight, but, on our going to the cathedral, Fox opened his shop again, in contempt as I judge. I thought it my duty to acquaint you with it, in case you think fit to have any course taken with him for example's sake. Not knowing how such obstinate demeanours may give example to others to be more so, I could do no less. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 165.*]

Jan. 31.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. According to the Act of Parliament and the proclamation this day was held a solemn fast in Deal, all shops being shut with obstinacy from all manner of work. I never saw it so solemnly performed, there being now above 150 sail in the Downs, but yet the heathen-like Quakers would open their windows, but we suddenly shut them. The ship I told you of last post is indeed seized on and the master secured, but the pilot and Deal men came home to-day from Calais. Not a topsail gale at S.W. [*Ibid. No. 166.*]

Jan. [31.]
Deal.

Morgan Lodge to Williamson. This morning came into the Downs the Calais packet-boat. A great many passengers are come

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over, some of them captains and soldiers. It is thought they have left their commands. Wind S.W. [*No day given, but postmark of the 31st. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 167.*]

Jan. 31.
Pendennis.

Francis Bellott to Williamson. Last Thursday went out of this harbour Capt. Harris in the yacht, and last Saturday the wind came at S.W., and there came in 10 or 12 small outward-bound ships, among them a small Flushing caper. Wind now S.E. [*Ibid. No. 168.*]

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Commissions to Charles Neatby to be lieutenant, and to Edward Jacob to be cornet to Capt. Macarty. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 41, p. 41.*]

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[Received]

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Last night I told you we were to have a common Council this morning. I am overjoyed the dispute betwixt the Lord Mayor, Court of Aldermen and Commons is quietly ended about the choice of the Judge of the Sheriffs' Court. The Lord Mayor nominated the Common Serjeant, and the four pleaders of Guildhall Mr. Richardson, an honest, loyal and quiet man, who is chosen and overpolled the Common Serjeant 40 voices. The great Player and Thomson, &c., find by demonstration they are not so powerful as they made themselves. I am sitting down to dinner with Sir Andrew King. We will drink your health. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 378, No. 169.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay to Richard Dolton 274*l.* 10*s.* as of the King's bounty for special service. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 22.*]

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Warrant for a grant to Edward Villiers, and Sir Edward Villiers, his son, for their lives successively of the office of Knight Marshal and Marshal of the Marshalsea in reversion after the determination of Sir Edmund Wyndham's interest therein. [*Precedents 1, f. 128A.*]

Jan.

Notes by Williamson of letters ordered in the Foreign Committee. To Sir W. Temple, taking notice of the States' resolution about exchange of passes. That the condition of the Duke of Neuburg's passes is not very decent, and not being so it ought to be no condition &c. Yet it is not enough the Deputies have said so, but it must be in writing, for certainly the words *sur ce pied* refer to all &c. But that, the Duke of Neuburg having prayed his Majesty's mediation, the King has actually asked passes from France for him and from Sweden &c., and this Sir William to say to the States, which will satisfy them, if this be real &c. Underhand as of himself to take notice to the Pensionary of the answer expected (?) upon Prince William's business, and to try as of himself to get their offices.

To Mr. Skelton, to proceed &c. with convenient speed.

Write to Emperor. The causes of Skelton's delay, thank the Emperor for his civilities in that affair in his of 10 Jan.

To Duke of Neuburg. Accepting the mediation—all good offices. To have his ministers ready. Passes are asked for. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 39.*]

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Secretary Coventry to the Attorney-General. Asking his opinion on the enclosed affidavits, made by Francis Byam, Robert Coningsby and Richard Kingston, against Gardiner, an innkeeper at Salisbury. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 28, *f.* 148.]

[Jan. ?]

The King to Mistress Olfield. I understand there are some overtures of marriage between you and Edward, the son of Henry Clerke, and I shall be glad for both your sakes it may take effect, having great reason to believe the young man will prove as good a husband to you as a subject to me, being descended from a father, who, besides his laudable behaviour in all private occasions, hath also given sufficient testimony of his loyalty in respect to me. The kindness I have for him shall be derived to his son, for whose advantage I shall willingly lay hold on any fair and reasonable opportunity. And, though I know this my recommendation of him will have some weight and consideration with you, yet I shall rather rejoice to hear that your own choice and affection should be the principal motive of your meeting together in a happy state. [*Precedents* 1, *f.* 128.]

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Deal.

Lists sent by James Neale to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 378. No.	Date.	King's Ships.	Outward Bound.	Inward Bound.	Wind.	Remarks.
170	Jan. 1	3	0	0	E.	
171	" 2	2	0	0	S.E.	
172	" 3	2	11	0	S.S.W.	
173	" 5	3	10	0	S.E.	
174	" 6	2	7	0	S.	
175	" 7	2	12	0	S.E.	
176	" 8	2	6	0	N.E.	
177	" 9	2	2	0	E.	
178	" 11	2	3	1	E.	
179	" 12	1	4	0	N.W.	
180	" 13	1	8	0	S.W.	
181	" 14	2	11	2	N.W.	Several others came out of the West Country not spoke with.
182	" 15	2	11	4	N.W.	
183	" 16	3	12	2	S.W.	
184	" 17	3	20	0	S.W.	
185	" 18	2	22	2	—	
186	" 19	2	22	0	S.	
187	" 20	2	25	0	S.	
188	" 21	2	34	0	—	
189	" 22	2	34	2	S.W.	
190	" 23	2	34	0	S.W.	
191	" 24	2	36	2	S.W.	
192	" 25	2	36	0	S.W.	
193	" 26	2	36	1	S.W.	
194	" 27	2	42	1	S.W.	
195	" 28	2	45	1	N.W.	
196	" 29	4	52	1	W.	
197	" 30	5	52	1	S.W.	

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Order by the Earl of Arlington, Lord Chamberlain, that the orders made concerning the serjeant chirurgeons, chirurgeon to the person and chirurgeon to the Household, dated 1 May, 1674, and signed by the Earl of St. Albans, then Lord Chamberlain, be duly observed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 879, No. 1.*] *Prefixed,*

Orders for the chirurgeons at Healings. Whereas many inconveniences and disorders have happened at public and private healings by reason of disagreements between the serjeant chirurgeon, chirurgeon to the person, and chirurgeon of the Household, which many times have made a disturbance in his Majesty's presence at the time of healing, for prevention whereof and for better regulating the same in future, I have heard the said chirurgeons and advised with his Majesty's physicians and make the following orders:—

1. *All public healings shall begin after Ash Wednesday every year, and continue till the end of May for the spring season, and shall begin 1 Sept. and continue till the last of Nov., unless publication be made to the contrary in the Gazette by his Majesty's special command.*
2. *That the serjeant chirurgeons shall wait in their turns monthly, and the one that waits shall give out the tickets only and shall register in a book the names of all admitted to be healed with their dwellings, and, if the serjeant chirurgeon in waiting be out of town or sick so that he cannot wait, the chirurgeon to the person shall wait in his place and give out the tickets and keep the register both for public and private healings according to his ancient right, when there was but one serjeant chirurgeon. The serjeant chirurgeons shall not wait one for another, but, if the serjeant chirurgeon in waiting and the chirurgeon to the person are both sick, then any other of the serjeants shall wait.*
3. *The serjeant chirurgeon or chirurgeon in waiting shall admit any to be healed, who shall be sent to them by any of his Majesty's physicians in ordinary in waiting with a note under his hand that he has the evil.*
4. *All persons coming to be healed shall bring a certificate under the hands of the minister and churchwardens of their parish that they were never touched for the evil.*
5. *Neither the serjeant chirurgeon in waiting nor any other chirurgeon nor their servants shall demand anything for tickets, or for admitting or presenting them to be healed.*
6. *None are to presume to wait at the healing but his Majesty's physicians in waiting and his apothecary, serjeant chirurgeon in waiting, chirurgeon to the person, and chirurgeon to the Household, and not any chirurgeons' men to exclude or hinder his Majesty's servants that are to attend the service.*
7. *If his Majesty shall not appoint a day in that month for a healing, the serjeant chirurgeon in waiting shall not give out the tickets, but shall leave it entire to the chirurgeon in waiting next month. But, if a day be appointed for one month, and the healing be put off by accident to the next month, the chirurgeon in waiting for the first month shall have the sole ordering of the healing.*

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8. *At every public healing the serjeant chirurgeon in waiting being civilly sent to shall give the chirurgeon to the person six tickets, and three to the chirurgeon to the Household, and at every private healing he shall give to the chirurgeon to the person one ticket for every nine that are to be healed, and to the chirurgeon to the Household one for every nineteen, and so proportionable to the number of pieces of gold in the hands of the Clerk of the Closet.*
9. *That no serjeant chirurgeon in waiting and no other person whatsoever shall present any person to be healed, unless a ticket be first obtained by the chirurgeon in waiting.*
10. *That no disturbance, quarrellings or any disorderly carriage shall be by any of the chirurgeons before his Majesty at the healing, but they shall bring any differences between them before the Lord Chamberlain, or in his absence to the Vice-Chamberlain.*
11. *If any of the aforesaid chirurgeons do not conform themselves to these orders, on proof of the neglect or refusal the persons offending shall be suspended their places.* [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 11.]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for swearing and admitting Thomas Ratcliffe to be a Privy Councillor in Ireland. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 432.]

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Sir Philip Musgrave to his son, Sir Christopher, Dean's Yard, Westminster. I am glad to find in yours of 29 Jan. that my lord and you have had so long a discourse, and that Mr. Secretary is to hear both, for I have never wished more than that an indifferent person might hear both, not only concerning the late differences but from the original of all differences since 1660, for I think it would then appear neither his lordship nor myself nor you have given so much occasion for mistakes among us as that person, who encouraged Eglanbie (Aglionby) in his undertaking against me, and the young lord to such a dispute as might have attended with sad consequences, had I been forward to make use of advantages, who rewards Mr. Simson with his countenance, his purse and the assistance of his greatest friends to give me and you what trouble he can. Probably this matter about the justices would have been less stood upon by my lord, if the same man had not espoused the thing as his great concern, which appears in the eager pursuit in this affair wherein it is supposed there is opportunity to put a reflection on me. What I can at present offer about the two justices is only in general, comparatively with other justices in the county, as you will find in a paper I lately sent you, which you may use. On any further charge against them I shall make further return and not desert myself or you in matters to which justice and honour call me. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 2.]

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Henry Coventry and Sir J. Williamson to the Stationers' Company. Whereas by an Act for regulating printing it is provided that all books of History concerning the state of this realm, or other books concerning any affairs of State be licensed by the Secretaries of State

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pro tempore or by one of them or by their appointments, and whereas we are informed that daily many things come out of the press pretended to be licensed by some deriving their authority from us, we have thought it necessary to acquaint you, that neither of us have hitherto deputed or authorized any person or persons for licensing any books, which according to the said Act ought to be licensed by us or our deputies, and, when we or either of us shall depute any such person or persons, their name or names shall from time to time be signified to you to be entered on your books, that so you may be the better able to govern yourselves in order to the seizing and suppressing any books or pamphlets pretended to be licensed by deputations or authority derived from either of us otherwise than aforesaid. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 72.*]

Feb. 3. Sir J. Williamson to Lord Poulett. Apologizing for his delay in
Whitehall. acknowledging his last commands, which he does now. *Noted*, that enclosed went a deputation to his lordship to appoint Mr. Miller of Priddie a deputy lieutenant. [*Ibid. p. 73.*]

Feb. 3. Sir J. Williamson to Sir John Fowell. Mentioning that he had
Whitehall. shown his letter, as he thought it deserved, to the King, and requesting him, as anything occurs to his observation of any kind relating to the public, to give them notice of it. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 3. Sir J. Williamson to the Duke of Monmouth. Enclosing a list
Whitehall. of the officers of the Regiment of Dragoons, as it stands in Lord Arlington's Entry Book, being uncertain if he rightly understood the command he gave him two or three days ago about the regiment. [*Ibid. p. 74.*]

Feb. 3. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to cause to be sent by sea 8
Whitehall. pieces of ordnance, twelve-pounders and demi-culverins, with carriages and gunners' stores proportionable, to Holy Island, to be delivered there to Major Daniel Collingwood, the Governor, or, in his absence, to the officer in chief commanding there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 25.*]

Feb. 3. The King to the Earl of Rothes, Lord Chancellor, to be com-
Whitehall. municated to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Exchequer. Signifying his pleasure that no gift of ward or non-entry of the estate of Leven on the death of the late Countess of Leven pass till his pleasure be further declared. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 398.*]

Feb. 4. Herbert Aubrey to Williamson. Requesting him to get him an
enlargement of his time for a month longer from Sir John Duncombe, as he is now on the settlement of all his affairs in order to a full satisfaction of his debt to the King, and, if he is called thence suddenly, all his attempts will be frustrated. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 3.*]

Feb. 4. Elizabeth Senhouse to Williamson. Soliciting him for even the
Hameshill meanest and most subservient attendance under himself for the
House. first-fruits of her second harvest, her son Patritius, who has an extraordinary desire to give his humble attendance abroad to gain improvement. Her great ambition was to prefer these petitions in

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her own person, but God has disposed of her otherwise, and now in her weary bed enabled her to bring forth and bury one more son, which completes the full number of fifteen children. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 4.]

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Notes [by Williamson] of arguments in Council in which the King took part, on the complaints brought by the clothiers, especially those of Suffolk, against the Guinea Company, of the injury to their trade from the great reduction in the number of cloths formerly sold by them to the company. [*Ibid.* No. 5.]

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Robert Scott of London, bookseller, to the King. Petition, stating that he had purchased the proprietary and right of all the copies of the works of the late Mr. Selden, and is likewise at further charge in procuring such of his works as were written in English to be translated into Latin with the intention of publishing all the said works in 4 volumes *folio*, and praying for a licence for the sole printing of the said works, with a prohibition to all others of printing, importing or vending any copies of the same for 20 years. [*Ibid.* No. 6.]

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The King to White Titchburne. Being given to understand that there are considerable quantities of stone within the manor of Fremeley (Frimley) very fit for the building and repairing of Windsor Castle, which is now in hand, recommending to him as the King's desire that he permit the persons appointed by the Controller of the Works there to dig and carry away stone out of the said manor for the said use, from such part of it as he and the Controller shall agree upon, but not near his dwelling-house where it may be prejudicial to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 42, p. 23.*]

Feb. 4.
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Sir J. Williamson to Sir J. Robinson. Requesting him to use what interest he can possibly make in the Merchant Taylors' Company in favour of this young man, the bearer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 74.*]

Feb. 4.
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Sir J. Williamson to Sir W. Turner. Requesting him to favour the bearer, Mr. Hayes, a young man he has conceived a very good opinion of, who is a candidate for employment in the Merchant Taylors' Company. *Noted*, that similar letters were sent to Col. Mew, Sir Patience Ward and Sir W. Pritchard. [*Ibid.* p. 75.]

Feb. 4.
Whitehall.

The King to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, to be communicated to the Senate. Recommending Edward Lake, M.A., domestic chaplain to the Duke of York, for the degree of D.D., to be admitted thereto by proxy because of his attendance on the said Duke's children. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 23.*]

Feb. 4.
Whitehall.

Warrant for making the *Advice* a free ship in pursuance of the Order in Council of 26 Jan., calendared *ante*, p. 529. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 120.*]

Feb. 4.
Whitehall.

Licence to Robert Scott of London, bookseller, who has purchased the propriety and right of the works of the late John Selden in Latin, and is procuring all his other works written in English to be translated into Latin with the intention of printing all the said works

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in 4 volumes *folio* in Latin, to print the same, with a prohibition of reprinting any part thereof within the King's dominions, and with a prohibition of the importation for 20 years of any of them reprinted abroad without the said Scott's consent. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 122.*]

Feb. 4. Grant to Thomas Chiffinch, the younger, of the place of chief searcher at Gravesend in reversion after Thomas Chiffinch, his father, the present searcher, and Francis Leeke. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 125.*]

Feb. 4. Warrant for a licence to Roger Twisden to enclose a highway between East Malling Cross and Lerkfield in the parish of East Malling, Kent, it being found to be no damage, on condition of his laying out another way in his own ground of the same length and breadth as convenient for passengers. [*Precedents 1, f. 132.*]

Feb. 5. Dr. William Clarke, Dean of Winchester, to Williamson. Requesting to be heard, if any come to procure his Majesty's letter to the church of Winton for the bailiwick of Magdalene Fair. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 7.*]

Feb. 5. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Sir Gilbert Whitehall. Talbot and Bernard Grenville praying a confirmation of a former grant of 20,000*l.* out of forfeited and concealed estates of nocents, they placing deficiencies, with an addition of so much as will defray their costs and charges, and that the clause of preference to Col. Dillon may be wholly made void. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 84.*]

Feb. 5. Warrant to Henry Elles, messenger, to search for, apprehend, Whitehall. and bring before the Privy Council, William Venden, of Egham, Surrey, husbandman, against whom information has been given that about two months ago he killed a hind calf at Parker's Grove Gate in the said parish and carried the same home. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 124.*]

[Feb. ?] Richard Townesend to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioner contributed much to the restoration and was one of the general convention in Ireland to that end, that he is seised in fee of the town and lands of Bridgetown *alias* Coronea and divers other lands containing in all about 8,000 acres in the barony of Carbery, co. Cork, which lands are very remote from trade and under a heavy quit-rent to the King and have little or no improvement made for want of fairs and markets and other conveniencies, and therefore praying a grant to the petitioner and his heirs erecting the premises into a manor to be called the manor of Bridgetown *alias* Coronea, with a grant of fairs and markets and all other privileges incident to a manor. *On the back,*

Feb. 5. Reference thereof to the Lord Lieutenant. [*S.P. Ireland, Whitehall. Car. II. 337, No. 5.*] *Annexed,*
His report in favour of the grant prayed on the petitioner's making out that he is seised in fee of the lands mentioned in the petition. 10 Feb. [Ibid. No. 51.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 83.*]

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Appointment of Henry Oldenburg by Williamson to license the printing of such books of history or books concerning State affairs as by the Act of 14 Car. II. are subject to his authority. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F., No. 73.*]

Another copy thereof. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 124.*]

Feb. 6.

Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee. Mediation, Sir L. Jenkins, 22 and 26 Jan. Necessity of a further neutral country. What to be done for the security of the French ambassadors' horses, equipage brought into the town without passport in case &c.—Sir W. Temple to be writ to to prevent any such effect, in case things should come to that. First visit with Beverning. Stands to have it made in form.—See what orders the States have sent about it, on Sir W. Temple's instance.

Holland. Sir W. Temple, 4 Feb. French King's difficulties upon passports and couriers. Duke of Lorraine's titles. Would have the King say he had prescribed them.—No, the King will not answer (?) that, for it was not so. The Mediator is to adjust, but the parties have to be first heard &c.—States' paper about Prince William of 3 Feb. States' resolution of 3 Feb. about enlarging the neutral country about Nimeguen. Leave it to the King, upwards &c. He presses to get Meurs in for the Prince of Orange's sake.—Impossible.—Danes' passes for all parties arrived and that minister's memorial.

Hamburg. Their letter of 21 Jan. To be restored to neutrality during the war and to be included in the peace. That Skelton might interpose with the Emperor in their favour. If Mr. Skelton goes on, it looks but reasonable for the King as mediator to propose it to the Emperor.

New England. Leverett's letter to me of 18 Dec. Not to lose this favourable conjuncture.

France. Mons. de Ruvigny's reasons why his master persists in his difficulties &c.

Memoranda. Bishop of Oxford's homage, horses for the Duke of Neuburg, Polish medals. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 93.*]

Feb. 7.

Certificate that William, Lord Widdrington, was mustered as governor and captain of a foot company in the garrison of Berwick at the muster of 1 Nov., 1675. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 8.*]

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Notes by Williamson. The French. They certainly brought the King into the strait of working (?) out Prince William of Furstenberg's liberty. Nobody else knew a word, only J. W[illiamson] to frame the dispatches. When the King had required (?) all care to keep concealed his promise to the Bishop of Strasburg of endeavouring his brother's liberty &c., not a word said of it in the copies we gave out of the rest of the papers relating to that affair &c., the French king, without a word to the King, prints his memorial braving the Emperor &c., and in a manner fixing upon the King to have promised to him what indeed he never promised.

When he had a mind to recall his Ambassadors from Charleville, he sends a letter directly to Sir W. Temple from Pomponne to

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know immediately if the Ambassadors were to hope for passes or not. If not, then &c. without saying that through the King's hands as all other points had been hitherto transacted &c., nay scarce telling the King that any such thing had been sent to Temple &c. Query, the date of Pomponne's letter to Temple and of the King of France's on that point to Ruvigny. To that end to see why Ruvigny had not given us even a copy of Pomponne's letter, if that letter were already writ when Ruvigny's came from Paris. What Ruvigny let fall to me. *Vide Journal*. The King to come well out of the mediation &c.

Their (*illegible*) in the business of commerce between Sweden and Holland with the knowledge certainly, as Ruvigny whispered to Du Clos, and yet not a word said of it to the King. The last memorial of Sparre about our succours certainly known in France and by them directed, and that upon a message (?) from Sweden by Smith, our English merchants' (*illegible*). Query, if not. Query, The time he will own he came from Sweden to France, and when arrived at Paris, and then compare, whether probably he did not bring from Sweden orders on which was grounded in France the resolution of repeating those last instances for succours in favour of Sweden. Query, if Smith did not carry to France the overtures touching the Treaty of Commerce from Sweden. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 101.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant for a patent constituting John, Earl of Athole, Marquis of Whitehall. Athole, Earl of Tullibardin, Viscount of Balquidder and Lord Murray, Balveny and Gask, to hold to him and the heirs male of his body. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 398.*]

Feb. 7. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Being resolved on a Whitehall. full representation of the condition of the revenue and of the last supply, to lessen the charge, and, as he now entertains but one regiment for a Foot Guard, so only to keep up one troop for a Horse Guard, authorizing and requiring them to give immediate orders for disbanding the troop commanded by the Earl of Rothes as soon as possible. [*Ibid. p. 401.*]

Feb. 7. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland. Whitehall. Directing them to provide money for the complete pay of the troop ordered to be disbanded by the last letter with due regard to the payment of what they owe for their quarters, and to have their arms carried to Edinburgh Castle and there laid up in the magazine. [*Ibid. p. 402.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant for a gift to John, Earl of Athole, and to his heirs male of the office of constabulary and keeping of the Castle of Kinclevine, with a fee of 286l. 11s. Scots *per annum*, with a gift for the payment thereof of all the yearly few ferm duties payable out of the lands and lordship of Kinclevine, with a reservation to Robert Lesly of the said office and few duties for the years yet to come of the gift and tack thereof granted him 4 Nov., 1646. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 403.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant for a gift to John Baine of Pitcairlie of the few, teind, Whitehall. and blench duties payable out of the lands and baronies of Mull,

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Moreveine and Terrie by Sir —. McLeane, now laird of McLeane, or by umquhile Sir —. McLeane, his father, or any of their ancestors. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 404.*]

Feb. 7. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Warrant for the
Whitehall. admission to the Council of Charles, Earl of Aboyne, and Sir John Keith of Keith Hall, Knight Marischal. [*Ibid. p. 405.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant for a gift to Charles, Earl of Aboyne, of a pension of
Whitehall. 200*l.* sterling a year during his life. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 406.*]

Feb. 7. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Whitehall. Warrant for a gift to Æneas, Lord McDonnell, of a pension of 200*l.* sterling a year in addition to his former pension of 300*l.* a year until he shall enter into possession of the few duties of the island of Ilay granted him 23 Aug., 1665, after the expiration of the late Duke of Lenox's and Richmond's tack of the same, or till the same be redeemed from him according to the tenor of the gift. [*Ibid. p. 406.*]

Feb. 7. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Whitehall. Warrant for payment to John Kirkwood of 80*l.* sterling, money laid out by him for four new silver trumpets for the use of the troop of Guards in Scotland, whereof the Earl of Athole is captain. [*Ibid. p. 408.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant for a gift to James, Hellen, and Jannett, the children of
Whitehall. the deceased James Gregory, Professor of Mathematics in the College of Edinburgh, of a pension of 40*l.* sterling yearly to be equally divided amongst them. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 408.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant for the presentation of John Hardy, student in divinity,
Whitehall. to be minister at the kirk of Fowles in the diocese of Dumblane. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 409.*]

Feb. 8. Warrant for a gift to James Somervell, usher in the Exchequer
Whitehall. of Scotland, for his life, and after his decease to James, his eldest son, for his life to be keepers of the Council Chamber in Scotland and furnishers of coal and candle thereto, with a salary of 30*l.* a year for keeping the said Council Chamber and for their servants' attendance thereon and furnishing the same with coal and candle, and also to be furnishers of pen, ink, paper, and parchment to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Exchequer and of coal and candle to the Treasury and Exchequer rooms with a salary of 40*l.* a year. [*Nearly 4 pages. Ibid. p. 409.*]

Feb. 9. Sentence of a Court-martial, Capt. Christopher Gunman president,
The Anne that Capt. Joseph Harris, commander of the *Quaker* ketch, convicted
yacht. of having lowered his topsail to a Spanish man-of-war, in the Bay of Biscay, Nov. 11, and also of receiving merchandize on board at Rochelle for Lisbon, be shot to death for striking to a foreigner in the King's seas. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 9.*]

Feb. 9. Henry Lloyd, Mayor, to William Williams, Recorder of Chester, at
Chester. his chamber, Gray's Inn. Yesterday I received the enclosed from Richard Hatton, a London carrier. It appears to be a very dangerous letter reflecting on the King and his royal progenitors, and I have

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thought it necessary to desire your speedy direction, and that you will have it communicated to one of the Secretaries of State. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 879, No. 10.] *Enclosed,*

*A long letter written apparently by a madman. It declares that Queen Mary was not Henry VIII's daughter, but was begotten by a tutor, that King James was begotten by a forester, that Queen Elizabeth had a daughter called Jane, who was to be won by the sword, and that the writer's grandfather, William Letterup, killed nine competitors before Queen Elizabeth, and so was married to her daughter and was made Earl Marces (Marshal), that the relations of those he had slain in revenge poisoned Queen Elizabeth and hurried up the Scotch King and poisoned the writer's grandfather. Then the letter gives long accounts of plots and persecutions against the writer, in which "cursed Penn, the Quaker," figures largely. The writer asserts that James I "being a riggell" had no issue, that Charles I was begotten by a forester, that Charles II, whom he calls Charles Barry, was begotten by one Barry, a cobbler, on "the French witch," and that the Duke of York, whom he calls James Chiffen, was begotten by one Chiffen on her. The letter is written very closely in an almost illegible hand. The fair copy of a duplicate hereafter calendared consists of 8 pages. [*Ibid.* No. 101.]*

Feb. 9.
Whitehall.

The Duke of Monmouth to Sir Stephen Fox. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that Capt. Daniel Macarty, formerly a pensioner, be again entered on the list in place of Patrick Vosse, deceased, to receive 2s. *per diem.* from 1 Sept. last. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 41, p. 47.]

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Note by Williamson. Dr. Cary was desired by a friend of his, a patient, and ancient gentleman, to get it printed, and that he did it only as at his prayer. If he was the author or not he knows not. To tell his name were not ingenuous, and he begs his Majesty's pardon in it. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 866, p. 97.]

Feb. 10.

Sir Philip Warwick to Williamson. The trustees for his Majesty's bounty to the Isle of Man, Mr. Cholmondeley and Mr. Bankes, when they were here the last session of Parliament, recommended to Mr. Thomson to procure his Majesty's order on this annexed paper in my presence which I am desired to certify to you. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 879, No. 11.]

Thursday
morning,
[Feb. 10],
at 7,
London.

John Paige to Williamson. I waited yesterday morning on you, but did not meet with you. Messrs. Houblons and the rest of the merchants desire to know when they shall wait on you. If possible, they would fain be excused for to-day. [*Ibid.* No. 12.]

Feb. 10.
Fishmongers'
Hall.

Sir John Shorter to Sir Robert Southwell. According to his commands sending him an abstract of the fees usually paid for malefactors that are pardoned for transportation. [*Ibid.* No. 13.]

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Daniel Fleming to Williamson. Divers of our Justices are dead, and others are but seldom amongst us, so that I think it would be for the service of his Majesty and the country to have some added.

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Those dead are Sir George Middleton, Mr. Duckett of Grayrigg, and Mr. Braithwait of Burneshead, whose heirs are not capable of succeeding them, being Papists. Mr. Braithwait of Ambleside and Mr. Fisher are also dead, but Mr. Robert Braithwait, brother of the one and enjoying most of his estate, who is uncle to Sir John Otway's lady, and Mr. John Fisher, son and heir of the other, a very good scholar as Dr. Halton can inform you, may very well be made Justices in this county of Westmorland, as also Mr. Alan Pricket, Recorder of Kendal and of Queen's College in your time, and Mr. Jo. Moor, another lawyer, and now a justice in Lancashire, though his estate and residence are in this country. Sir Thomas Strickland acts nothing amongst us, and Sir John Otway and Mr. Ro. Philipson are but seldom with us, which often retards the dispatch of affairs, and increases our trouble as well as the country's. If any objections be made, I think it will not be difficult to answer them, since they be rather of a private than a public concern. If you shall order our commission to be renewed and the *Dedimus* to be directed to me, I shall take care to answer the fees of so many as I shall swear.

I have ventured to send you another small tribute of chars, which I wish the Kendal carrier may hand safely to you about Thursday night. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 319, No. 14.*]

Feb. 10. *Caveat* in favour of Sir Robert Killigrew that no grant pass of the estate of one Smithfield, late of Shepton Mallard, Somerset, without notice to Secretary Williamson. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 21.*]

Feb. 10. Pass for Thomas Hartop, merchant, of Antwerp, who is by the King's special command to repair to England, to give an account of certain important matters wherewith the King has entrusted him, to come from any port of Flanders to England, and to return. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 137.*]

Feb. 10. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant of the title and dignity of Baron of Agherin, Galway, Viscount of Clonmore, Tipperary, and Earl of Gowran, Kilkenny, to Lord John Butler, the third son of the Duke of Ormonde, and the heirs male of his body in the peerage of Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 406.*]

[Feb. ?] Robert Clynton to the King. Petition for pardon for his life, all his estate being already seized and sold by the bailiff of Westminster, for the death of John Ashbury, showing that about 4 Nov., 1674, returning late to his house in St. James's Fields, Ashbury, a watchman in Pall Mall, stopped him, called him ill names, set his dog at him and struck him, till he drew his sword to defend himself, and in the encounter was killed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 15.*] *Annexed,*

List of four names.

[*Ibid. No. 151.*]

Deposition of Fabian Duckett, servant to William Paston, son of Viscount Yarmouth, that he witnessed through his window the beadle, John Ashbury, swear at a gentleman, and strike him

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furiously several times, that the gentleman said he was going home and made no resistance at first, but was at length obliged to defend himself, and the beadle or bellman, who was in drink, fell, receiving his death's wound. Feb. 11, 1676. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 879, No. 15 II.]

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Whitehall.

Order in Council on the memorial from the Ambassador Extraordinary of the States General representing that a French privateer took and carried into Hull a Dutch ship and that they are selling her lading contrary to Article 21 of the Treaty of Breda and praying an order for seizing the said prize, and causing the goods sold to be restored to the proprietors without any repayment of the price, pursuant to the said article ; that Mr. Secretary Williamson cause enquiry to be made whether the said ship really belongs to Holland, and, if it so appears, then justice must be done according to the tenor of the said article and the Ambassador's request. [*Ibid.* No. 16.]

Feb. 11.
Whitehall.

Certificate by the Duke of Monmouth that Thomas Cole, ensign to Capt. Walters' company, ought to have been mustered in the September muster of 1674, and that he desires his commission may be dated accordingly. [*Ibid.* No. 17.]

Feb. 11.

John Creed to Williamson. The committee for Sir Hugh Cholmeley's accounts is to sit at 3 to-morrow at your office. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]

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Chester.

Sir Thomas Mainwaring to Williamson. Last Monday Mr. Barker of Nantwich received the enclosed letter or paper and brought it me last Tuesday at my house at Baddeley, and gave me the account expressed in the enclosed copy of his examination, whereupon I sent for Starkie and Woodward who are mentioned therein to appear before me early on Wednesday, as I was to go to Chester that day for a general meeting of the Cheshire deputy lieutenants the following day, and, it appearing to me that probably the said letter was brought down either by John Falkenor, the younger, or Francis Fraggot, who are carriers, and being informed they were both gone to Chester, I endeavoured to reach Chester so that I might examine them on Wednesday and give you an account by the post that day, but, Starkie not coming so early on Wednesday as I expected, and Woodward not coming till after Starkie was examined, the post was gone at Chester before I could reach it. On Thursday morning I met with Fraggot and his master, Richard Hatton, and examined them, but was informed the said Falkenor, who most probably brought down the letter, was not come to Chester, but I have issued out a warrant for him to be brought before me at my return to be examined and intend to make him find sureties to appear before the Privy Council if required. I thought it my duty to give you this account, the Mayor of Chester having had also a most traitorous and scurrilous letter brought him this week. [*Ibid.* No. 19.] *Enclosed,*

*The said letter similar to that to the Mayor of Chester, calendared ante p. 547, but shorter. [*Ibid.* No. 191.]*

Examination of Richard Barker, mercer. Yesterday John Starkey delivered to him a traitorous and scurrilous paper

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wrapped up like a letter, having no name subscribed, and without any date, directed to the examinant and sealed, which the examinant believes had been broken open and resealed as appears by the marks of the wax on the paper, and he believes some part of it had been cut off at the beginning before it came to his hands. He does not know from whom it came or the handwriting, nor has he made any alteration in it except opening it to read it. He has now delivered it into Sir T. Mainwaring's hands. Starkey told him the paper was delivered to him by John Woodward of Nantwich, who is a porter or servant to most of the common carriers that travel from Nantwich to London. 8 Feb.

Examination of John Starkey. Last Monday morning John, son of the above-named John Woodward, delivered him a sealed paper or letter directed to Richard Barker, his master, which he immediately delivered to his master, and which he believes is the paper now shown him. 9 Feb.

Examination of John Woodward, the elder. He believes the letter or paper directed to Richard Barker and now shown him was brought down last Saturday to Nantwich by John Faulkner, the younger, son of John Faulkner, the elder, carrier, or by Francis Fraggott, servant to Richard Hatton, a carrier, but knows not by which, and that he sent it by his son to Mr. Barker's house. He does not know the handwriting. 9 Feb.

Examination of Francis Fraggott. Is a servant of Richard Hatton, of Acton, Cheshire, carrier, and drives his horses from Nantwich to London and back. (Gives particulars of all the letters he brought down the previous Saturday.) Last Saturday sennight at Blossom's Inn in London, a short, fat man, with yellowish or light hair, of about 40 years old (as the examinant believes), whom he does not know, came to the examinant with two large thin letters in his hand, and said he was to send them down by the examinant and would pay him for them, but would go to direct them and bring them afterwards, and said one was for Alderman Lloyd of Chester. The examinant saying that Mr. Lloyd is now mayor, the person asked him whether Mr. Lloyd's name was William or John, and, the examinant not knowing, the person said he would go and enquire somewhere else, but did not come again or send the letters to the examinant. There came down a portmanteau with John Faulkner's horses by John Faulkner, his son, which had several letters and other parcels in it, which the examinant believes were received in by the porters at Blossom's Inn. 10 Feb.

Examination of Richard Hatton, of Acton, Cheshire. He was not at London this last journey, but several letters were brought down in a portmanteau last Saturday by John, son of John Faulkner, another carrier, to Nantwich, and the examinant took away such letters as were for Chester and delivered them, among which was one directed to Mr. Lloyd. The reason he did so is because John Faulkner is his brother-in-law, and he travels not to Chester but Wrexham. The porters at Blossom's

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Inn, London, usually receive the letters brought by the Chester or Cheshire carriers. Their names are John Shawe and Thomas Barratt. 10 Feb. [Copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 19II.]

Feb. 11. *Caveat* at Secretary Coventry's desire that no grant pass of the estate of Mr. Gallard of Edmonton, Middlesex, found guilty of the manslaughter of Mr. Gillim, till notice be given him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 21.*]

Copy thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 20.*]

Feb. 11. Warrant for the reprieve, if convicted, of Lieut. William Roche
Whitehall. and John Sheene, Gunner at Hurst Castle, who stand accused of killing Richard Newman, lieutenant of a foot company in the Isle of Wight. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 125.*]

Feb. 11. Warrant for a letter granting to John Lyon, writer to the Signet,
Whitehall. bastard natural to the deceased John, Earl of Kinghorn, full power in all his lifetime and at his decease to dispose of all his lands and goods, as freely as if he had been born of lawful bed, and granting further that his nearest of kin on his father's and mother's sides should be his heir by virtue of the present legitimation as if he were of lawful bed. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 413.*]

Feb. 11. Warrant for a charter of new infeftment to Sir John Wood of
Whitehall. Bonnietowne and his heirs male, which failing to his heirs and assigns whatsoever, of the lands of Bonnietowne and other lands formerly united in the barony of Bonnietowne and of other lands all in Forfarshire, on the resignation of the said Sir John Wood, with an annexation of the other lands to the said barony and with a *novodamus* and a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 415.*]

Feb. 11. Warrant for a gift to James Graham of Orchell, his heirs and
Whitehall. assigns whatsoever, of the lands and barony of Pitcairnes in the parochine of Doyning, and stewardry of Stratherne, Perthshire, which formerly pertained to George Graham of Pitcairnes, deceased, and now pertain to his Majesty, being fallen into his hands by reason of recognition by the alienation of the same by the said George Graham without his Majesty's consent. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 416.*]

Feb. 11. Warrant for a gift to Alexander Murray, secretary to the Earl of
Whitehall. Athole, of the escheat and forfeiture of William Veitch in his Majesty's gift by a doom of forfeiture pronounced against the said Veitch for crimes of treason, rebellion and læse Majesty committed by him. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 418.*]

Feb. 11. Memorials of protection in the ordinary form to Sir Mungo
Whitehall. Murray and Patrick Ogilvie of Murie for three years respectively and to Robert Menzies of Glassie for two years. [*Ibid. p. 419.*]

[Feb. ?] John, Lord Kingston, to the King. Petition, showing that notwithstanding several provisos in the Acts of Settlement and Explanation and several letters and orders of his Majesty for the petitioner's reprizals, and several reports from Lords Lieutenant

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and others, he is yet deficient 2,000*l. per annum* as will appear by the Lord Lieutenant's report of 26 Feb., 1674[-5], in which he certifies that he conceived 2,000*l. per annum* above the quit-rent and all charges and incumbrances may be a sufficient proportion to be allowed the petitioner as reprizals due to him by the said Acts, and that, pursuant to his Majesty's former letters, he was at great charges in finding out forfeited concealed lands, the particulars whereof were delivered to the Earl of Essex, several of which have since been granted to other persons, and others are about to be passed from the petitioner, and, forasmuch as many of the persons that should make out the King's title to the said forfeited concealed lands are ancient and some since dead, and that the said lands have hitherto rendered his Majesty no rents, praying that, for so much as the Lord Lieutenant has certified to be allowed him, his Majesty will give effectual orders that that yearly sum be forthwith granted him out of the lands in the list formerly delivered to his Excellency and such other concealed lands as he shall discover, that are not yet in charge in the quit-rent books nor found to belong to his Majesty in the books lately made up by his Excellency's order. *At the side,*

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Reference thereof to the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Treasurer of England, and to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 6.]

Reference dated 4 Feb. of the above petition to the Lord Lieutenant, with note that it was renewed on the 11th to the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, and the Lord Lieutenant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 83.*]

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Sir John Otway to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioner was formerly Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and was the first Fellow ejected for his loyalty, that he employed a great part of his time in labouring for the restoration, that there is now a fellowship vacant there by the death of Mr. Clarke, which was founded by Lady Rookby, and limited to Beverley School, and for want of candidates therefrom to Yorkshire at large, with a direction that such fellow should take Orders within six months after his admission, and that none from that school is qualified, and praying a letter to the Master and Seniors dispensing with the statutes in those particulars in favour of the petitioner's son, who is qualified to be Fellow, but was not born in Yorkshire, and is now 21 and cannot take Orders till he is 24. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 21.*]

[Feb. ?]

Richard Wise to the King. Petition for pardon for a share which he had about 16 years ago, when very young, in a robbery at the house of Sir Henry Littleton, who assured him he should not be prosecuted for it, but forgave him because of his youth; but one Smyth, who was his seducer, and obtained his own pardon by discovering his accomplices, now maliciously prosecutes him because in a suit at law the petitioner is an important witness against him. [*Ibid. No. 22.*]

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Statement of Mr. Wise's case almost in the same words as the above petition. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]

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S. Pepys to Williamson. By your command I have ventured to put down my conception of the warrant needful for his Majesty to sign to the Lords of the Admiralty, empowering them to respite the execution of the sentence of death on Captain Harris, which I submit to your correction, praying you will let it be perfected time enough for my preparing another subsequent thereto for my Lords before Monday morning. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 24.*] *Enclosed,*

Order to the Lords of the Admiralty to issue their warrant to the Marshal of the Admiralty to respite till further order the execution of the sentence on Captain Harris on account of his long and faithful services, particularly in both the late wars with the Dutch, and of the wounds he has received therein, particularly in his head to the contracting great weakness therein and ill effects thereof at some seasons on his judgment. Draft. [Ibid. No. 24 1.]

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Chaunston,
Herefordshire.

Sir Thomas Morgan to Williamson. You may perceive by the enclosed from the Lieutenant Bayly of Jersey how the poor merchants and seamen are abused there by small picaroons, Ostenders and Biscayners. I request you to represent it to his Majesty for some reasonable and speedy remedy, and, if any of them should come into any of our harbours in Jersey, whether it may stand with his pleasure that we may stop them till restitution be made, or any other way he shall think convenient, for, if some speedy stop be not put to their barbarous actions, that poor island will suffer much. Let the bearer, my agent, know his Majesty's pleasure therein.

I have been these six weeks or two months sorely afflicted with gout. As soon as God restores me to my limbs again, I shall repair to London to attend his Majesty in order to my going for Jersey. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]

Feb. 12.
Dorchester.

William Twiss, Mayor, to Williamson. Last Saturday, the 5th, I received from a porter belonging to a waggoner of this town the enclosed letter, but on examination it appears not by whom it was delivered to him in London from whence it was brought. I communicated it to my brethren of this corporation and advised the endeavouring the explication thereof. Though it be written in an uncertain, confused, and irregular character, enough to have amazed the inventor of letters, I conceive it as well transcribed as possible, which I hope will plead my excuse, should I be thought culpable for not transmitting it sooner, for it proceeds not from my being in any way remiss but from my desire to facilitate your labour by making what discovery I might by conference with persons living here and nominated in the letter. I am this morning informed by Mr. Arthur Gould of this town, whose son James is of Gray's Inn, as the letter says, that there is also a James Gould, a ribbon weaver, living in Holloway Street, Shoreditch, to whom one Reape in the said letter mentioned was lately an apprentice, and that there is another James Gould, late of this town, but now a clerk to Sir Thomas Bide at his brewhouse in or near Shoreditch, by whom I

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suppose this scandalous distracted libel may be discovered. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 26.] *Enclosed,*
The said letter almost identical with that to the Mayor of Chester,
calendared ante, p. 547. [Ibid. No. 26 i.]
Transcript thereof. [8 pages. Ibid. No. 26 ii.]

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Sir J. Williamson to Robert Leigh. As I told you in my last, his Majesty has been moved in the proposition your friend makes. But the King will not hear of the conditions he insists on, viz., to have the grant passed in England and without the Lord Lieutenant's knowledge, especially of the last in any sort, and the former being against a late rule passed at the Council Board here is not like to be obtained. But, what the King thinks as good as both is, that he will have it recommended particularly to the Lord Lieutenant to favour the thing, when it comes before him by reference, as a thing the King wishes done. This the King thinks will be tantamount to the other two conditions demanded, in case the thing be in itself at all fit to be done. And, if your friend please to proceed on this assurance, I am ready to serve in it, for the advantage is to be to another hand, not to me at all, but such a person as will have interest to carry much greater matters than this. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 75.]

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Sir J. Williamson to Mr. Walker. I am not forgetful of the commands you left with me to watch over your friend's interest recommended to the Dean and Chapter of that Church. If I were, the King himself is pleased to have that care over it. A great instance I found a week ago, when a letter was offered to him of another nature but relating to the Church of Exeter. He asked of himself with wonderful goodness whether that letter would not prejudice your friend, and whether I was sure of it. I answered, it would not, but he ordered me to take it back and be yet more sure of it, ere he would sign it. This goodness of his was so great and generous, that I could not but acquaint my Lord of Bath with it, who has an extreme care over all that concerns you. I think it but just you yourself should know it, that you may not be ignorant how truly just the King is to those who are kind to him and his service. [Ibid.]

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Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Edward Jennings and Edward Cooksey, desiring power to inspect the accounts of the hearth-money in the counties of Nottingham, Lincoln and Middlesex for 5 years and in London and Westminster for 2½ years, and to receive to their own use such sums as shall be found due on inspection. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 85.]

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The King to the Master and Seniors of St. John's College, Cambridge. Having been informed by Sir John Otway, formerly a Fellow of that College, from which he was ejected for his loyalty to the late King, that there is a Fellowship, now vacant by the death of Robert Clarke, founded by Lady Rookby and given to the town of Beverley, and for want of such to Yorkshire at large, with directions that such Fellow should be a priest at the time of his election or within six months after, who, none of that town being

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now qualified, has besought a dispensation in behalf of his son, Charles, who, not having been born in the said county, and being by reason of his want of age incapable of being ordained a priest within the time prefixed, is not qualified without a dispensation, granting a dispensation as desired to the said Charles Otway, so as to capacitate him to stand for and be elected to the said vacant Fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 47, p. 24.*]

Feb. 12. Pardon to Richard Wise of the crime of felony, burglary and robbery committed by him in 1661, and of all indictments, convictions, &c., incurred thereby. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 125.*]

Feb. 12. Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee Mediation. Sir L. Jenkins, 29 Jan., 2-12 Feb. What instructions to the ambassadors to meddle in the authorizing players or to leave it to the magistrates.—Not fit to trouble the King with such a trifle, and the assembly may have it, if they desire it. Till then let the magistrates do what they will.—A pass demanded by M. de Vitry's people.

Emperor's answer to the French memorial.

Electoral Palatine's desire of the King's offices towards France for his accomodement. J. W. to answer that the King's part is to mediate a general peace not a particular, though in case the Emperor, Empire and allies agreeing, the King would be glad, &c.

Emperor. Mr. Skelton. If to be left to his former orders. Yes, till the King see whether the French ambassadors be called back or that his Majesty can remove the difficulties, &c.

University of Heidelberg to the King. To be commended as to their own revenues, estate, tenants, &c., to the Most Christian King by Lord Berkeley and Monsieur de Ruvigny through Secretary Coventry, not as to the town of Heidelberg.

La[dy] Portland's petition debated. Let it be brought to Council and the Lords' opinion asked one by one. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 103.*]

Feb. 12. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Warrant for Whitehall. suspending execution on the process against Thomas Menzies, brother of the deceased laird of Pittfoddells, for the slaughter of ——— Haliburton. [*S. P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 419.*]

Feb. 12. Warrant for a charter of new infeftment to James Carnegie of Whitehall. Phinhaven, second son of David, Earl of Northesk, and the heirs male gotten between him and Anna Lundin, his spouse, which failing, to the other heirs male of his body, which failing, to return to the said Earl and his heirs male, of the lands of the Westmains of Phinhaven, Eastmains and other lands in the barony of Phinhaven, and forest of Plastoun, Forfarshire, and of other lands in the parochine of Othlaw in the said barony with William Gray of Haystoun's portion of the right of patronage of the parish kirk of Othlaw, proceeding on the resignation of the said Earl and the said Gray; and also granting to the said Anna Lundin for her life the lands of the Eastmains of Phinhaven and the other lands above-mentioned which are portions of the said barony of Phinhaven, proceeding on the resignation of the said Earl and the said James

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Carnegie, with an erection of all the said lands into the barony of Phinhaven, with a *novodamus* and a ratification of sundry contracts, &c., concerning the said lands and barony. [2 pages. *Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 420.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the petition of Callaghan, Earl of Clancarty, which prayed that the quit-rents of the lands mentioned in the certificate of Charles James, late Viscount Muskerry, for the new estate thereby settled and confirmed, amounting to about 758*l. per annum*, might be so reduced that he may receive thereout 600*l. per annum* over and above all reprises and deductions, and that, in case Capt. Owen McCarty shall not by Trinity term next make out a legal title to the lands mentioned in the said certificate which are claimed by him, the same might be granted to the petitioner and his heirs according to the King's original intentions, recommending the whole matter to his especial care and favour, and authorizing him to take such a speedy and effectual course for the said Earl's relief as may be agreeable to the King's gracious intentions and the Act of Parliament made for settling the lands on his family, pursuant to the instructions signified in the letter of 3 Dec. last concerning the reducement of the quit-rents issuing out of the coarse and barren lands (calendared *ante*, p. 429). [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 407.*]

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Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Capt. Philip Howard for a grant of the bark and offal wood of such timber as shall be fallen in the Forests of Whittlewood and Salcey for the rebuilding of Northampton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 85.*]

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Warrant to the Lords of Admiralty for the reprieve of Capt. Joseph Harris, in the same form as the draft order calendared *ante*, p. 553. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 126.*]

Feb. 14.
Baddeley.

Sir Thomas Mainwaring to Williamson. Enclosing the examinations of John Faulkner, the elder, and John Faulkner, the younger, taken that day, adding that he had taken sufficient sureties from the latter for his appearance before the Privy Council, if required. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 27.*] *Enclosed,*

Examination of John Faulkner, the younger, of Acton, Cheshire. He came from London last Saturday fortnight towards Cheshire with the horses of John Faulkner, his father, who is a Cheshire carrier. There then came a person, whom he knows not, to him at Blossom's Inn, and asked him whether he was a Chester carrier, and whether he knew the name of the Mayor of Chester, and this examinant, saying he did not know his name, and that he was not to travel to Chester, called Francis Fraggott, a servant of Richard Hatton, another carrier, whose horses were then designed to go to Chester, and the said person then spoke to Fraggott, and the examinant then went away about his business, and does not know what discourse the person had with Fraggott. The said person is a middle-sized man with light-coloured hair and then had on him sad coloured clothes, but the examinant saw no letter or parcel he then had with him. Last

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Saturday fortnight at Blossom's Inn he saw the wife of John Shaue, one of the porters to the Cheshire and Chester carriers, take several letters and parcels out of a bag, and put them into a portmanteau belonging to the said Richard Hatton, the examinant's brother-in-law, and the said Hatton's horses, and Fraggott, who drove them, being gone out before, the examinant locked up the said portmanteau, but did not read the direction of any of the said letters or parcels, and laid it on one of his father's horses, till it came to St. Albans, where it was removed and laid on one of the said Hatton's horses and by them carried down to Nantwich, where the examinant unlocked the portmanteau and saw the letters and parcels taken out, and he believes that amongst them was one letter directed to Mr. Richard Barker of Nantwich and one to the Mayor of Chester. He does not know and has not heard what person brought the said letters or either of them to Blossom's Inn, nor did he know that the said letters or either of them came upon any other design but with some carriage. He did not at Nantwich or elsewhere read the superscription of either of them, but believes there was one directed to Mr. Barker and one to the Mayor, because he was told so by his father, who read the directions when they came to Nantwich. 14 Feb. Baddeley.

Examination of John Faulkner, the elder. Last Saturday sennight at Nantwich he saw the above-mentioned portmanteau opened, and read the directions of several letters and parcels therein, amongst which was one letter directed to Mr. Richard Barker of Nantwich and one to the Mayor of Chester, but he does not know in whose handwriting is the direction of the letters or either of them, nor does he know of what concerns the said letters or either of them were. 14 Feb. Baddeley. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 879, No. 271.]

Feb. 14. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to cause to be sent by sea such
Whitehall. culverin and demi-culverin to the number of 10 in all with carriages, as shall be convenient for the better securing of merchant ships passing by Scarborough Castle, with gunners' stores proportionable, to be delivered at Scarborough Castle to Sir Thomas Slingsby, the Governor, or in his absence to the officer commanding in chief there. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 28.*]

Minute thereof dated 14 Feb. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 44, p. 22.*]

Feb. 14. Commission for Thomas Stradling to be captain of the company of foot whereof Lieutenant-Colonel Grey, deceased, was captain, in the regiment of Guards under Colonel John Russell. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 149.*]

Feb. 14. Sir J. Williamson to Sir William Petty. In the standing water
Whitehall. your matter of the farm is in, I know not whether I should trouble you with a suit that should be so impertinent as is that of Mr. Giles Juy, an old friend of mine, for a place under you in that farm. He is an old practised officer in the English Customs, and, as you will see by the enclosed testimony of a very considerate merchant, Mr. John Page, honest in his trust. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 77.*]

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Feb. 14. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Robert Lobbe
Whitehall. desiring, in consideration of his loyalty and sufferings, a grant of
the estate of John Spicer *alias* Goodman, deceased, come to the
King. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 46, p. 86.]
- Feb. 14. Presentation of Robert Ancher (Aucher), M.A., to the vicarage of
Eastchurch, Kent. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 47, p. 25.]
- Feb. 14. Grant on the resignation of letters patent dated 14 May, 1670, to
Whitehall. Hugh May, unto the said Hugh May and Thomas May, and the
survivor of them of the office of Clerk of the Recognizances to be
taken before the Chief Justices of the King's Bench and the Common
Pleas, and in their absence or out of term before the Mayor of the
Staple of Westminster or the Recorder of London, and also of the
office of clerk for making and enrolling the said recognizances.
Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 127.]
- Feb. 14. Approbation of John Boynton of Rawcliffe, Yorkshire, to be
Recorder of Doncaster. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- Feb. 14. Warrant for the appointment of the 15 persons hereinbefore
appointed Commissioners for licensing hackney coaches, with the
addition of Sir Nicholas Armorer. [*Precedents* 1, f. 132.]
- Feb. 14. Warrant for a gift of a pension of 500*l.* sterling yearly to Charles,
Whitehall. Earl of Ancram, for his life. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3,
p. 422.]
- Feb. 15. The King to William, Earl of Derby, Thomas Cholmondeley of
Whitehall. Vale Royal and William Bankes of Winstanley, the trustees for
disposing of 100*l.* *per annum* granted by him for the clergy and
schools in the Isle of Man, and other the trustees for the time
being. After reciting the letters patent of 19 April, 1675,
and the appointment of the said three persons as trustees,
directing that they should allot and pay to six petty schools at
Castletown, Douglas, Ramsey, Kirk Andrewes, Kirk Bryde and
Ballaugh 3*l.* *per annum* each, making together 18*l.*, and whereas of
the 17 parish churches there, but 3 are of any considerable
value, and of the remaining 14 but 3 are worth 17*l.* *per annum*,
in order that the other 11 may also be made 17*l.* *per annum*,
directing them to pay to the respective incumbents of the follow-
ing churches the yearly sums thereafter mentioned, viz., of
Kirk German 8*l.*, of Kirk Jurby 11*l.*, of Kirk Christ le air 19*l.*, of
Kirk Maughall 1*l.*, of Kirk Lonnann 5*l.*, of Kirk Conchan 9*l.*, of Kirk
Braddon 9*l.*, of Kirk Muroune 7*l.*, of Kirk Santon 9*l.*, of Kirk
Arbory 1*l.*, of Kirk Christ, Rushen 9*l.*, amounting together to 82*l.*
per annum, which makes up the whole 100*l.* *per annum*. [2 pages.
S.P. Dom., *Entry Book* 42, p. 24.]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 377, No. 29.]
- Feb. 15. Sir J. Williamson to Sir T. Mainwaring. The last post brought
Whitehall. me yours of the 11th with an enclosed mysterious letter, which had
come to your hand. I have not yet had time to produce it at any
Council meeting, but shall do it the first occasion that offers. By
the very same post a letter the same in substance, and almost in

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every expression, was also sent me up by the Mayor of Dorchester, so, as you may see, the same foolish or malicious humour works in several parts. I shall acquaint his Majesty with it the first Council meeting, and in the meantime am obliged to acknowledge your care and diligence which I beg you to continue. *Noted*, that a similar letter was sent to the Mayor of Dorchester. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 48*, p. 77.]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Chancellor of the petition of the Earl and Countess of Lichfield, stating a grant some years since to Sir Joseph Ash of the office of *custos brevium* of the Common Pleas for three lives, and, one of them being determined, desiring a grant of the said office in reversion for such term as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book 46*, p. 86.]

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Reference to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty of the petition of John Petersen, commander of a French privateer, for leave to sell or deposit so much of the goods of two Hamburg ships lately taken by him as may be sufficient to supply the necessities of his men till they can arrive at a French port, his Majesty's pleasure being, if the case be as stated, that what can be done by the law of nations and according to the course of the Admiralty be done in the petitioner's behalf. [*Ibid.*]

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Pass for Charles, Lord Lansdowne, eldest son of John, Earl of Bath, Sir Peter Wyche, Nicholas Durell, his governor, his servants and attendants, to pass into any parts beyond the seas and there to remain for 4 years. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1*, p. 127.]

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Narrative by Williamson of his conversation with the Earl of Shaftesbury:—

Tuesday, 15 Feb. His Majesty sent for me in the morning, and coming to him about noon in the garden, he told me, he would have me go to Lord Shaftesbury, and let him know from him, that he had information that he was very busy here in town in matters that he ought not, and that his Majesty thought it were much better he were at home in the country; that now the term was done, and he could not have any business of that kind, and that it is the King's advice to him that he rather go home; that the King knows more than it maybe he thinks he does, and that this is the King's advice, and so leaves it to my Lord, as it may follow, &c.

It happened that he was not within that afternoon. I gave the King an account of his commands in the evening. The next morning he went to Windsor for a day or two, and commanded me to execute his commands in his absence.

Wednesday. Accordingly next day about 8 in the afternoon I went to the Earl of Shaftesbury's, where I found him in his dining room with Sir Edward Harlow (Harley) and one of the Earl's gentlemen. Being sat, and Sir Edward and the gentleman withdrawn, I delivered my message in these words, as near as I possibly could remember them, for I had for the greater sureness writ down beforehand what I meant to say: "I am commanded by the King to let you know his Majesty has information that your Lordship is very busy here in town in matters that you ought

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not, and that his Majesty thinks it were much fitter you were at home in the country; that now the term is done, and consequently your Lordship can have no business of that kind further in town; his Majesty therefore commands me to let you know, 'tis his advice you should rather be about your own affairs at home in the country; that his Majesty knows more than it maybe your Lordship thinks he does of your being busy up and down here in the town, and therefore has thought fit to give you this warning; that this is his Majesty's advice to you, and that his Majesty thinks you would do well to follow it. This is what I had it in command from his Majesty to signify to you as by his order."

He answered, that he prayed me to return his humble duty to the King, and to assure him that he was the humblest of his subjects; that his Majesty's desire, advice, inclination, fancy, or call it what I would, should be in all things observed by him with all dutifulness; that he knew what it was possible for the King to know by any true information of him, and what he did here in town; that it was possible the King might have received some wrong information of him, but he would continue with submission to say, he himself knew all the King could possibly be informed of him.

He had nothing to do here in town relating in any way imaginable to the Government or the King's service; he did not use to see any company, two or three it may be or so, but nothing in the least relating to public business; at no time had he in any company meddled with anything relating to the King or the public, possibly a word now and then in jest he might come out with, but nothing serious or in earnest, nor had he ever said anything of that kind as to the King himself, of others possibly he might.

His business in town was not only of the term; some of that kind he had, but he had a great deal of other business and that concerned him much, as, his disposing of Exeter House, which he was at this very time dealing about, whether to let or sell, whether to dispose of, as it is, or whether to pull down and let into tenements, within this week he is treating with the City surveyor about it.

Another business was his interest in the African Company, being 900*l.*, which was a considerable sum, which he was thinking how to dispose of.

A third was his share in the Carolina business, which, he said, Mr. Vice-Chamberlain would inform the King of. Besides his share in the common stock he has further a considerable plantation of his own in the country, and he was now thinking how best to dispose of it.

These were the businesses that kept him in town, and he had rather be made a prisoner here in town where his business was, than make himself a prisoner in the country separated from his business. Indeed his business is more properly here in town than in the country. He beseeched his Majesty to be assured he would never do anything prejudicial to his service, neither his duty, his inclination nor his principles could let him do it. Not being called to business he meddled with none but his own private business, which was enough for him. In Parliament he declares his opinion to the King, as matters call for it, but otherwise he meddles not, a word

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in jest or so he may possibly let fall but never of the King, of others maybe he may. He guessed what this information his Majesty had received of him was, viz., of having been on the Exchange lately. He had been there, but only upon his own particular business and without speaking to anybody save a little, &c., where his business carried him. He filled his head with his own little business. A man's head must be full of something; some statesmen suffered themselves to die for fear of troubling their heads with business, but that he loved to fill his head with business.

Rising up to take my leave, he told me, he would have been glad to see me there upon another kind of occasion. I replied, I should have been glad that it might have been rather of some other kind. And so he conducted me down to my coach. [*In the handwriting of one of Williamson's clerks. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 80.*]

Another copy of the above account of what took place on the 16th written by Williamson himself. [*Ibid. No. 31.*]

Another copy of the last paper. [*In the handwriting of one of Williamson's clerks. Ibid. No. 32.*]

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London.

The Countess of Portland to Williamson. The Duke told me he had left my petition with you to be read at Council, which I entreat may not be till you hear further from me. [*Ibid. No. 33.*]

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Eton College.

John Rosewell to Williamson. I have examined the child you have sent me, and take him to be a boy of good parts, but he is not advanced so far as to come under my immediate teaching. Yet he will be carefully looked to, and I will often take an account myself how he profits and assist him all I can. [*Ibid. No. 34.*]

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Hull.

Col. Anthony Gylby to Williamson. The prize ship I told you of at London is yet in Humber, and is now almost empty, but another prize is since brought to them. The disorder is great, the country people on both sides the river coming to buy of them. They tell me this morning a man-of-war is since come to them, and, if any demand a reason of their doing, they threaten to shoot them. Being the thing concerns the treaty of peace, I humbly beg your advice and directions what to do. [*Ibid. No. 35.*]

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Three balance sheets dated 27 May and 8 Sept., 1675, and 16 Feb., 1675-6, between Ambrose Holbeach and John Mackernes, showing receipts and payments by the former on the latter's behalf. (Found in the pocket of Mackernes' pocket book.) [*Ibid. No. 36-38.*]

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Whitehall.

Secretary Coventry to Henry Howard and Sir Cecil Howard, Commissaries General of the Musters. George Churchill, ensign to his brother Lieutenant-Colonel John Churchill's company, has been for some time at sea under Sir John Narbrough, in the *Swan*, and has therefore been respited on the muster rolls. The respite is now to be taken off and he is to receive his pay during absence until further orders to the contrary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 149.*]

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Notes by Williamson concerning the jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty at Bristol. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 366, p. 107.*]

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Note by Williamson. Lord O'Brien told me last night he called at the Earl of Shaftesbury. There were the Earl of Salisbury, Littleton, Barnardiston Papillon, and Littleton acquainted him with the message I had delivered to the Earl of Shaftesbury, blaming him that he had not told them of it, seeing, as they said, he could not but know it. They had expected this some time, but by the other secretary. They had watched one door, and were caught by another. He observed the company much surprised and a little rude at it, whether really so, or whether expecting what the Earl would himself say of it to them. The Earl talked after his usual rate, without any appearing change at all.

Coming to Thomson's this day, there he found him, Nelthorpe and Sir T. Player full of this news and crying it was a hard thing, when a man had placed part of his fortune in trade to be thus forced away from his business. They supposed the law would counsel (?) a man to be where his business was. If trade were thus destroyed, they would all think of retiring.

In his return he called at the Earl of Shaftesbury's, where he found Sir Robert Clayton, Sir Robert Peyton and some others with him. The others immediately stepped into another room, as he came in, only the two first remained in the room with him, talking of indifferent things. [*S.P. Dom.; Car. II. 379, No. 39.*]

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Newbold
Pacey.

Matthew Hunter to Williamson. Thanking him for obtaining from Sir Henry Puckering a promise that he would favour the writer whenever he should have an opportunity. Williamson, unlike many people, though raised to an exalted station, does not forget his former friends. [*Latin. Ibid. No. 40.*]

Feb. 18.

Col. Samuel Sandys to Williamson. I wondered much at the confidence of the writer of the enclosed, he being reputed a wise man. I thought it my duty to acquaint you with it. The enclosed is a copy of the letter. If I apprehend more to be in it than there is, I beg your pardon and impute it to my zeal for his Majesty's service, but, if it be worth inquiring into it, I shall easily know to whom it was wrote, that the letter itself may be produced, for it has not been kept private. [*Ibid. No. 41.*]

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Exeter

Thomas Walker to Williamson. Having been some days in the country delayed my receiving your letter. I am highly sensible of his Majesty's extraordinary kindness, and am infinitely obliged to yourself and my Lord of Bath, by whose interest I am sure I have arrived at this happiness. I know not of what nature the letter is that was desired from his Majesty, but, if it be for the next dignity, I doubt the canonry will go with it, unless the dignity be given to one already a canon. [*Ibid. No. 42.*]

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Notes by Williamson. Lord O'B[rien] told me:—The Attorney-General was much in with that knot of Player, Thompson, &c. Titus, &c. That their meetings were mostly Sunday nights.

That one offering to come in and make one of that company (he said he suspected it was Sir J. Lowther), the Attorney he declared he could not allow any more to be taken in. That Titus told the said Lord O'B. this, but that a certain person in the company cried

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out to Titus, as he was reporting the thing: No name, mum's the word. However, Lord O'B. told me he guessed it to be Sir J. Lowther.

That these people rely much on the Attorney's opinion in all things. They say frequently, He is a brave man.

That the meeting at the Palgrave's Head is but of Talkers, a meeting much mixed. Meers is but used (?) as a talker.

That the coffeehouse where the Earl of Shaftesbury vents out all his thoughts and designs is John's coffeehouse.

Speaking of this knot of people in the city, he said, their corner (?) in the House of Commons was spirited (?) and actuated by three or four Lords and as many of the City, insinuating those of the City were Player, Thompson, &c.

He seemed to say that Player, &c. still own they come and drink now and then with the King at Will. Chiffinch's, but that of late they seem not so well satisfied of their reception by the King, saying they had better not hazard themselves further, but, since they cannot be so entirely well with the King, as they could wish, they must take care not to lose themselves elsewhere, &c. There was a great meeting last night at Earl Shaftesbury's. The Earl makes merry with the message, said that he has 20,000*l.* in trade, and it is diffused (?) all over the town, that now trade must be (*word illegible*).

Lucy there. Very bitter against Lord Treasurer. A good and gracious king, but a vermin (?) was got in that corrupts all. He must be cut up root, &c.

Feb. 22. *Idem.* That we wanted vigour. It kept many back from coming in to see we were not resolute, and courage enough to go through with anything.

The Earl of Shaftesbury's friends condemned him for saying to J. W., when he delivered his message, that he would be glad to see the six Privy Councillors that would sign the warrant, &c. (for it seems he himself has reported that he said something like that to me).

That they are only waiting to have us be the aggressors, being assured of a sufficient number to stand by them in any hard point put upon them.

N.B.—I dining this day with Mr. Chiffinch observed him to be leaning to that side, that it had been better not to have sent any such message, &c. He hinted some friends of the City had been with him in another part of his discourse. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 43.]

Feb. 18. *Caveat* by Sir J. Williamson on behalf of Mistress Gwynn that no grant pass of the office of Registrar in Chancery in reversion or possession without notice to him. [*Marked as subsequently cancelled. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 21.*]

Feb. 18. Pardon to Benjamin Hinton, citizen and goldsmith of London, of all usurious contracts by him made or committed before 16 Feb. last. Minute. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 128.*]

Feb. 18. Pardon to Despotine Poley, of Jesus College, Cambridge, concerning the death and killing of William Reynolds, late of the same College. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 129.*]

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Feb. 18. Grant of a baronetcy of England to Benjamin Maddox, of
Whitehall. Wormeley, Hertfordshire, and the heirs male of his body. Minute.
[*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 129.*]
- [Feb. ?] Statement that George Stoodley, the present incumbent of
Redriffe parish, is lately instituted and inducted by the presentation
of one Thornburgh, and claims under Henry Selby, who purchased
the advowson from the late usurper, Oliver. The parishioners,
understanding the right of presentation to be in his Majesty,
applied to the Lord Chancellor, who has granted a presentation to
Samuel Alderson, M.A. They also have brought a *Quare impedit*
in his Majesty's name against the said Stoodley and Thornburgh,
and are proceeding therein with all possible celerity to bring the
same to trial. Therefore they beseech his Honour that Stoodley
may not have his Majesty's *mandamus* or presentation *ad corroboran-*
dum, till the churchwardens and parishioners be first heard for an
able preaching minister in respect of the many conventicles now
set up round about the said parish, though none as yet in it. [*S.P.*
Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 44.]
- Feb. 19. Secretary Coventry to the Mayor and Jurats of Dover. The
Whitehall. King wishes them to govern their proceedings according to the
report of the Attorney and Solicitor General on their petition
therein mentioned. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 148.*]
- Feb. 19. Warrant for a pardon to Edward Longueville for wounding
Whitehall. mortally William Coe, at Grindon, co. Northampton, in sudden
passion and after great provocation, Longueville being very young,
and having provided for Coe's widow and children. [*Ibid. f. 149.*]
- Feb. 19. *Caveat*, at the desire of the churchwardens, and of Mr. Alderson,
Whitehall. who is presented to the said church by the Lord Chancellor, that
no presentation or corroboration pass of the church of Redriffe to
George Stoodley, the present incumbent, without notice to
Williamson. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 21.*]
- Feb. 19. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of the Lord
Whitehall. Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs of London, praying that a *quo*
warranto be ordered against the Earl of Dorset in order to bring
the validity of his pretended jurisdiction in Salisbury Court to a
legal trial. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 87.*]
- Feb. 19. Warrant for a grant to Edward Proger, Groom of the Bedchamber,
of all the estate real and personal of Thomas Killigrew, another
Groom, which belong to the King by reason of any outlawry against
him at the suit of any persons whatsoever. [*Precedents 1, f. 134.*]
- Feb. 19. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Both your letters of the 8th and
Dublin. 12th came in here together yesterday, and to-day, having discoursed
with my friend that made the proposition I sent you, I find him
still possessed with a belief that the grant he propounds will never
pass here with the Lord Lieutenant's consent, the persons concerned
having so great influence on him, and yet he affirms that it is a
thing clearly in the King's gift, but, he not being willing to open
the case further to me at present, and believing the Lord Lieutenant
so just and prudent a person as not to deny any just thing the King

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shall command him, I know not what to advise, nor am I so desirous now to engage so deep in the business, seeing it is not like to go to your own use, for whose sake I hitherto took pains. However, my friend has taken time till next Tuesday to give me his full resolution what to do, and, if then he resolves to proceed on any reasonable terms, you shall have an account of it. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 7.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the petition of Francis, Lord Bermingham, Baron of Athenry, setting forth that he was provided for by the Acts of Settlement to be restored to his ancient estate, but received no benefit thereby, that by orders of the Commissioners for transplantation the parcels of lands thereafter mentioned were set out to him by transplantation, viz., lands therein described in the parish of Athenry and half barony of Athenry, and in the parishes of Dunmore, Tuam, Addergoole, and Miltown in the barony of Dunmore, co. Galway, and that he had purchased the parcels of lands thereafter mentioned which had been set out by the said Commissioners to transplanted persons, viz., lands therein described in the said parishes of Miltown, Dunmore, and Tuam, and that other parts of his said ancient estate are now possessed by persons that have no right thereto, and praying letters to the Lord Lieutenant for letters patent to him of the said lands set out to him by transplantation and purchased by him and also for orders to the Attorney-General to exhibit informations of intrusion against the persons in possession of the other parts of his estate without title, and that the same might be likewise granted him when recovered, a reference thereof to the Committee for Irish Affairs, and their report that they think it reasonable that letters patent should be passed as prayed, and, as to the part of his ancient estate that he alleges to have been intruded into, they think it safest to refer that part of the petition to the Lord Lieutenant to know by what title the said lands are detained, and whether it be in the King's power to restore them, which report has been approved in Council; requiring and authorizing him to cause effectual letters patent to be passed containing a grant to the said Francis, Lord Bermingham, and his heirs of all such lands as he holds by transplantation or by purchase from transplanted persons, reserving thereout the services and quit-rents reserved thereon by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and further to give orders to the Attorney-General to inquire touching the King's right in the lands which the said lord alleges to be wrongfully detained and to report the state of that matter to the King in Council. [*2½ pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 408.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that Callaghan, Earl of Clancarty, has informed the King that there is a great arrear of quit-rents due out of his estate in the barony of Muskerry, co. Cork (which lately was decreed by the Commissioners of Claims to Charles James, late Lord Muskerry, and has since descended to him as heir in tail) to Christmas last, amounting to 7,110*l.* or thereabouts, which, if levied, would swallow up his whole estate and render it for ever of no value to him, and has also besought in regard of the coarseness and barrenness of the said

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lands that not only the quit-rents might be reduced for the future, but the estate freed from any arrears for the past, a reference thereof to the Lord Treasurer and the Lord Lieutenant and their report advising that in lieu of the whole arrear to Christmas last 3,000*l.* be accepted to be paid in three years at the rate of 1,000*l.* *per annum*, accepting, in consideration of the lands granted to the petitioner and his family not proving of so much value as was intended, 3,000*l.* in full satisfaction of the whole arrear due, to be paid in three years at the rate of 1,000*l.* *per annum* by equal half-yearly portions at Midsummer and Christmas, the first payment to be made next Midsummer, and directing him to take care that the said 3,000*l.* and no more be levied and paid at the said times; and, after reciting an Order of the Irish Privy Council dated 17 Oct., 1673, which directed that commissions should issue to inquire the yearly value of the said lands, and that the said Earl should make leases for 99 years to several of the respective former proprietors of the said lands under certain yearly rents therein mentioned, and that each of the said persons should be charged with a proportion of the arrears of quit-rents due to the King according to the proportion of the clear profits of the said lands during that time received by each of them respectively, further requiring him to take special care that each of them pay their respective proportions of the said 3,000*l.* with respect to the proportion of the clear profits of the said lands received by them respectively, and also, if it shall appear to him that any part of the said 7,110*l.* be levied and paid for quit-rent or *custodium* rent or any bonds or bills taken for part thereof, directing him to allow the money so paid as answered out of the said 3,000*l.*, and on payment of the said 3,000*l.* to give directions for cancelling such bonds or bills, if any, for any part of the said arrear, and thereupon letters patent are to be passed containing a full discharge to the said Earl and the said lands of all the residue of the said arrear. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 411.*]

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Notes by Williamson of proceedings in the Foreign Committee. Mediation. Sir W. Temple, 8-18 Feb. They in Holland are framing an answer to the late French memorial and to Monsr. de Ruigny's paper of reasons about the passes. They seem inclined there to make the King arbiter of the disputed points, if France will agree. Query, if he would have any such offer encouraged in this or other cases hereafter. The King cannot think fit to encourage any such offers.

Nimeguen. Sir L. Jenkins, 5-15 Feb. In Holland they are inquiring into what passed in the Maes at Sir Leoline's arrival by one of their men-of-war striking to the yacht. Query, if anything to be directed Sir Leoline about it, in case they proceed to speak further in it.—Only let us watch what they do, and accordingly the King will see what is to say.—About the clause in the States' passes about couriers. If they provide sufficiently for couriers sent to the plenipotentiaries as well as from them.—The practice always having been for freedom to couriers from the masters, though the words were no other than those in the present passes, let them suffice.

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Idem, 9-19 Feb. The French ambassadors agree to make no solemn entries at Nimeguen. They desire 6 months for their domestics to stay at Nimeguen. Doubted if it will be granted. Query, if not to add, if the mediators stay so long.—If the assembly last so long, &c.

Hamburg. Sir W. Swan. 4 Nov. Complaints of Skelton's insolence.

Germany. Mr. Skelton. 1-11, 3-13, 8-18 Feb. Has received the King's orders, but is proceeded as far as Ratisbon. There will stay. Query, if not well enough?

Ducker 3-13 Feb. Copy of Prince William's letter to the King.

Denmark. Paul, 25 Jan., 1 Feb. They answer in Denmark there needs no answer to the King's letter about freedom of the ports.—If any, to be framed (?) of all these ports as well.—Our merchants neglect to carry passes. They must this year.—They must be warned to take passes.

Sweden. Wood, 26 Jan.

Holland. The commissioners' opinion upon revising. Send it to Sir W. Temple to have it settled thus if it may be.

England. The foolish letter from Dorchester, &c.—Not worth further trouble. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 366, p. 311.]

Feb. 21.
Gloucester.

George Clarke to John Ramsey at the Lord Treasurer's in London. I am fallen into some trouble, and the greater being fallen into my adversaries' hands, Aldermen Wagstaff and Fowler, who have waited a revenge. The case is this clearly as to myself. One from Hereford belonging to the Excise sent a scandalous paper of verses by one Belding *alias* Baldwin of this city, as he says to me, but they were neither enclosed nor directed, and he keeps them in his hands three or four days before I had them, and in the meantime suffers copies to be transcribed and published contrary to the late proclamation, and afterwards delivers them to me in the street. I, not knowing what they were, read them next day, but showed them not to any nor took copies of them. Next day after I heard a clamour about the town that I should be the author of them. I went to a justice with them, who told me they were made public, and that it were best to burn them, which I did. The said Justices granted warrants for the rest and for me, on which I appeared and gave them the above account, and the others confessed the same and not otherwise; but their malice rests not here; they have bound me over to answer at the next sessions, and sent last Saturday a letter to Sir J. Williamson for directions. My humble request is that you would stand between me and my ruin what in you lies, to hinder my being sent for by a messenger or coming up at all, if possible. I suppose there will be something from the Marquis of Worcester and Col. Cooke to the Lord Treasurer on my behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 45.]

Feb. 21.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. An order is come from the Bishop of Norwich for our minister and churchwardens to inquire what number in our parish are by law in a capacity to receive the Holy Communion, and what number of Popish Recusants are resident here, and what number of other Dissenters, who obstinately refuse or wholly absent themselves from the Communion of the

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Church at such times as by law they are required. To the two first the inquirers agree, but to the last they seem to be at a loss, fearing, if they should make the Dissenting party so great as they are, it might put some fears in his Majesty and discourage him in attempting to reform them, they judging their number has been the only cause they have been so favourably dealt with hitherto. Of the same opinion they are in other parts as well as here, so that there is like to be an imperfect account. If an inquiry were made how many of the Church of England receive the Communion here, they would not be found in all 500, and, if the like inquiry were made of the Dissenters here of all sorts whatever, how many of them were in Church fellowship as they term it, or broke bread together, I am certain there are not 100 men besides the women, so that the grand number here are, as I believe they are elsewhere, the profane and unstable, and this number daily increases, who being unsettled side with anything that tends to an unsettlement either in Church or State.

They report here of Lord Townshend's being laid aside, and that we are like to have a new Lord Lieutenant, which very much pleases all here that have been always faithful to the King and true to the Church, whom he had no kindness for, but put all the discouragements he could upon them, insomuch that they were put out of the militia and the champions for the Nonconformists brought in, such as have declared the Nonconformists as good subjects to the King as those that comply with his laws, and that they could as freely receive the Sacrament at the hands of a tinker as a minister of the Church in Orders, and before the Indulgence was taken off frequented the grand conventicle here. These things were said and done by one of the captains my Lord put in, since he made him captain, and, before he put him in, several things in writing were given in against him to show his disaffection to his Majesty and the Church by Sir T. Meadows, who was then major of this town, who was put by my Lord out of commission for his unwillingness to receive this captain under him, and Mr. James Johnson was made major in his room, and afterwards by my Lord's means knighted and made a justice for this county, and all this judged to be done to eclipse Sir T. Meadows and make a creature of his own. The like discouragements have been put upon those who have endeavoured the suppressing of the conventicles, insomuch that they have been threatened by his Lordship at the time the King commanded the laws to be put in execution, so that ever since the King's and the Church's friends have been so cast down, that their spirits are little less cowed than they were under old Oliver, and the power here being in those hands they are, they dare as little stir, if there were occasion. What I have writ I know to be true, and they are no fancies but real truths. The captain's name is Richard Huntington, brother to Major Huntington, one of the Commissioners for the Excise. Our Major Johnson and this Capt. Huntington are both now at London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 879, No. 46.*]

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London.

"The Exciseman's Journal or Stock-Book, being a general method to be observed by all supervisors and others in keeping their account of the increase and decrease of the victuallers' stock"

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by John Mayne. Preface dated 21 Feb., 1675[-6], Coleshill.
[*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F.*]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of Northampton which showed that the habitations and goods of above 700 families and most of the town were burnt 20 Sept. last, and prayed a gift of 2,000 tons of timber out of Salcey and Whittlewood Forests towards the rebuilding of the town and also so much of the month's tax in that county for the militia as was not yet returned, and so much of the excise and hearth money as arises out of the said town for some short term. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 87.*]

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Declaration by the King, after reciting that the King's heralds and pursuivants of arms are ministers subordinate to the authority of the Earl Marshal to whom the nomination of their successors belongs, and that the said officers have always been invested with coats of the Royal Arms denoting their quality, which and also liveries have been provided and delivered to them by the Keepers of the Great Wardrobe, and also collars of S.S. for the Kings and Heralds by the Masters of the Jewel House on warrants of the Earls Marshal directed to them, as appears by memorials thereof in the late King's time, but that the books and registers thereof, as also of other like warrants directed to them in the time of previous sovereigns and the original warrants and orders themselves have been embezzled during the late troubles, and that, no Earl Marshal having been constituted since the restoration till lately, such warrants during the vacancy of the office have been issued either immediately from the King or from the Lord Chamberlain, and that therefore the officers there make difficulty of obeying the Earl Marshal's warrants for providing and delivering such coats and collars for want of precedents, which for the reason aforesaid cannot be produced: That from henceforth the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe and the Master of the Jewel House shall from time to time on the warrant of the Earl Marshal provide for and deliver to the Kings and other officers of arms such coats of arms, liveries, and collars respectively as have been used since the restoration, this declaration to be registered in their respective offices. [2 pages. *Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 129.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 47.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir John Howell on his report in the case of Francis Jones, prisoner in Maidstone Gaol, for inserting him in the next general pardon without the clause of transportation. [*Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 131.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Warrant, having considered their letter of the 15th instant to the Duke of Lauderdale, approving of the total sum mentioned in their estimate, being 4,374*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* sterling, for finishing the works at Holyrood House, levelling the gardens, gravel and grass works, and bringing in water to the house, and authorizing and requiring them to advance the said sum for completing the said works, not doubting they will take special care that the money be laid out to the best

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advantage.—We have received information from the Duke of Lauderdale concerning the west quarter of the palace and we order you to cause the part thereof built by the usurpers, which darkens the court, to be taken down, to the end that the inside of that quarter may be finished in pillar work agreeable with the other three quarters, the undermost story of which west quarter being already ordained to be in pillar work conform to the first, as is contained in the mason's first contract for the sum agreed on, there will be only a second story of pillar work to be built at our charge. You shall consider if it is not fit that the gate be passable for a coach, and that the great iron windows in the front be taken away and made handsome. We have also considered what you write concerning the applications made to you by Robert Milne, master mason of that work, regarding his losses on that occasion, with your opinion thereon, and authorize you, when the whole work shall be finished as undertaken by him, to give him 500*l.* sterling besides what is to be paid him by the contract. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 3, p. 424.*]

Feb. 21. Commission to John Strachan to be ensign of the lieut.-colonel's
Whitehall. company in the regiment of Guard in Scotland. [*Ibid. p. 425.*]

Feb. 21. Warrant for a gift to Sir William Sharp of Stoniehill, the King's
Whitehall. cashkeeper, of the ward and non-entry of — Scott of Tushielaw with the marriage of Walter Scott of Tushielaw, son and apparent heir of the said — Scott, the said Sir William being obliged to dispose of the same as his Majesty shall appoint in writing. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 426.*]

Feb. 21. Warrant to Sir William Sharp, after reciting the last warrant,
Whitehall. for payment to John Ewin of London, merchant, or to his order, of whatever sum or profit he shall receive by virtue of the said gift towards the payment and satisfaction of the 5,000 *merks* Scots, ordered to be paid to the deceased Alexander Murray as a reward for the seizure of the deceased Archibald Johnstoun of Warriestoun, the said Ewin having now right to the said sum. [*Ibid. p. 428.*]

Feb. 21. Memorial of protection to Patrick Ker, one of the Life Guard of
Whitehall. Horse, in the ordinary form for two years. [*Ibid. p. 429.*]

Feb. 22. William Morgan to Williamson. My last was from Paris, but
Cardiff. my sickly young cousin suddenly in a manner dying on our road to Lyons occasioned my return about Michaelmas for England. In France I was by an old good friend of Dr. Clarke's, the President of Magdalen, Oxford, recommended to him to put in a little son of mine for a demy. It is the same, although to such a morose person, as Dr. Busby was ever known to be, you foresaw well the letter you honoured me with in the child's behalf for King's scholar at Westminster would not so readily take its desired effect. As soon as I perceived their usual too long delays, I removed him thence to Mr. Collins, an ingenious person, and master of Magdalen School, where I think as having never fancied anything else but books he improves himself, in order, I well hope, for a demy the next election in July there. The President told me he had only a single vote, the rest, I think he said, were most in the Fellows, but I should not

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have the least doubt, if, specially now in my old friend Sir L. Jenkins' absence from England, you would oblige me by writing half-a-dozen lines to the President, to communicate to them to set the child now on the roll, else he cannot be then elected, and I am assured he is a better scholar than one or two who are, I hear, already on the roll since Christmas, as having made their exercises for them, and that you would send it to my good friend Dr. Halton, which my cousin Morgan of Tredegar, your fellow member, who has been a little sick of late, shall thank you for. I had troubled you with this small concern before I left London, but was denied the happiness of paying you my duty at Whitehall, you being that day gone to Council at Hampton Court. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 48.]

Feb. 22.
Tredegar.

William Morgan to Williamson. Your most kind favour by the hackney man met your friend, Sir Edward Mansell, at my house, where you were not forgot, and, when we received your letter, it cost me at least half a dozen bottles in my cellar. I know not how you will repair my damage. I had sooner returned you my thanks, but have been extreme ill of a violent fever, which I hope I have overcome with the loss of 10 oz. of blood. [*Ibid.* No. 49.]

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Memorandum by Charles Gringaud. A very dangerous meeting is held constantly in Leadenhall Street on Fridays by several persons disaffected to the present government as Major-General Berry, Col. Kelsey, Col. Desborough and several others whose names I have not, that, as often as they meet, exercise their gifts both in praying and preaching to the decrying of the present power and all authority to them contrary. [*Ibid.* No. 50.]

Feb. 22.
Dublin.

Robert Leigh to Williamson. To-day according to promise I had my friend's resolution on the business I wrote to you of lately, which being according to the enclosed letter from him, I shall pray your further commands. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 337, No. 8.]
Enclosed,

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William Sands to Robert Leigh. In pursuance of my promise I acquaint you that, having considered what you then propounded for my security of having the King's title made over to me of the discovery, I find some objections so prevailing that I doubt we cannot proceed further, unless your friends in England propound some safer way to go through with it than you told me, for in the first place, though the King's commands may be very powerful, and I know the thing itself is freely in his gift, yet I am very confident it will never pass the seal here, for the reasons I told you already, and in the next place, unless I have sufficient security at least of 2,000l. sterling that the King's grant shall be made over wholly to my use on passing the letters patent and paying down the 1,000l. promised, I am advised not to discover the title, nor do I think it safe myself as believing neither the power of disposing of the grant when passed nor management of the affairs in the meantime, especially in England, to be wholly in your own hands. Otherwise I have that opinion of your justice and fair dealing that I would trust you with greater matters, and therefore am

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still willing, if those that shall act in it in England can propound any safe way to secure those points, to proceed in it according to what is already propounded. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 81.]

- Feb. 23. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Lord Duras, praying that, being now about concluding a marriage, his Majesty would, in order to the enabling him to make the better settlement, grant him his letter to the Lord Lieutenant directing the payment of 3,000*l.* *per annum* for 7 years granted to him out of the 20,000*l.* reserved by his Majesty out of the revenue of Ireland. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 88.]
- Feb. 23. Grant to Edward Holmes, appointed one of the King's Falconers, of a yearly pension of 2*s.* *per diem*, and of 13*l.* 13*s.* 9½*d.* yearly for a livery, from Lady Day next for his life. Minute. [Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 132.]
- Feb. 23. Pass for Manuel Cle Doune, a native of Candia, who on his voyage thence to Toulon with his wife and three children was taken by a ship of Tripoli, and carried in thither, where he was deprived of all his property, and, though freed himself, left his wife and children there in slavery, and who is now going abroad to beg for alms to redeem them. [Latin. *Ibid.*]
- Feb. 23. Grant of the offices of Secretary and Marshal of the islands of Nevis, St. Christopher's, Antego, and Montserrat to Garrett Cotter, of St. Martin's in the Fields, for the lives of Capt. James Cotter, James Cotter, his nephew, and George Burgesse of the Inner Temple and the life of the survivor of them. [*Ibid.* p. 133.]
- [Feb. ?] Jaques De Witt, of Belle in Flanders, merchant, and Katharine De Witt, of London, widow, executors of the will of Lewis De Witt, late of London, merchant, before his death naturalized by Act of Parliament, to the King. Petition, showing that the petitioners as such executors proved the said will, and according to their oaths and the laws of England administered the said testator's estate, so far as the same has come into their hands, that the petitioner, Jaques De Witt, being an alien and inhabiting in Belle aforesaid, and the said testator owing several debts there, which the estate will not amount to pay, the creditors there sued the said petitioner before the magistrates of Belle for the same, by the laws whereof the executors are bound to pay the deceased's debts, if they undertake the executorship, whether the estate be sufficient or not, on which the petitioner is condemned and cast into prison, where he must lie all his life, unless relieved by the Council of Flanders, to whom he has appealed, that the only ground of the said sentence is, that the testator's father was a citizen of Belle, and that therefore he also is to be accounted a citizen of that city, and that by that means his estate ought to be subject to their jurisdiction and not to his Majesty's laws, though he was his Majesty's subject and died in London, and all his estate was within his Majesty's dominions, which sentence passed, as the petitioner conceives, through the magistrates' ignorance of his Majesty's laws in such cases, and he hopes that, if the Council of Flanders be informed of the said laws

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from his Majesty, it will much facilitate his relief on the said appeal, and therefore praying his Majesty to certify the said Council how the laws and customs of his kingdom are in the several particulars set down in the annexed paper with a recommendation of the petitioner's case to them, who suffers in vindication of his Majesty's jurisdiction over the persons and estates of aliens that inhabit and trade in his dominions. *At the foot,*

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Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 51.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 88.*]

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Sir Philip Musgrave to Sir Christopher Musgrave. 'Tis now come to that pass betwixt L[ord] C[arlisle] and you, that, if there be not a hearing betwixt you, and somewhat done to settle matters for the future, I must give up my authority, and intend to do it. How can it be expected I should still struggle alone on so great disadvantage? I know it is apparent to you, as it is to all that know anything in these parts, that it is most industriously endeavoured by L[ord] C[arlisle] and G[eorge] F[letcher] to make me insignificant in these parts, as well as themselves a terror to those that will not truckle under to them. To this end Sir John Ballantine is made a deputy lieutenant, and the *quorum* added to his justiceship, which much exalts him. I know the greater part of the justices in both counties dislike their arbitrary magisterial proceedings, and are more my friends than theirs, but to what purpose is this, when my age and infirmities make me unable to attend public affairs, and they see not who is able to support them against the power and malice of persons displeased with them? If a strict account be given of Justices whose zeal for the Church has made them proceed to put in execution the laws against the enemies of it, the number in this county would be small, and fewer in the Barony of Kendal. If I live, I purpose to be at the Appleby Sessions after Easter, and at Carlisle, if my health enable me, and there make it appear I dare own myself to be the same man to the Church, to the King and to my country, as I have formerly appeared, and, that done, I shall consider how I may prevent my friends in the country from drawing trouble on themselves for their regard of me, and free myself as much as I can from a burden grown too heavy for me to bear singly.

I am sorry to find it likely to be so long ere I see you. The gout continues both in my feet and hand. Pray show the enclosed to Mr. Secretary. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 52.*] *Enclosed,*

Paper by Sir P. Musgrave, headed "The state of the business" betwixt Mr. Fleming and me. The Justices of the Peace resident in the Botham of Westmorland, John Dalston, Thomas Sandiforth, Robert Hilton, Thomas Fletcher and Edward Musgrave. The Justices of the Peace in the barony of Kendal, which is the lesser part of Westmorland, James Bellingham, Daniel Fleming, Thomas and Edward Wilson, Robert and Christopher Philipson and Sir John Otway when he is at home. Mr. Fleming's desire of new justices is only to keep up his own power in opposition to me, and to others; the most

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considerable justices in the county, whom he has opposed against the rules of law and practice in other places throughout the kingdom, as was made appear at Appleby before the Judges of Assize, in the presence of several justices besides myself and my son Christopher, which will be made good again at the next Assizes if I live, for I know Mr. Fleming cannot justify what he has done, since this dispute began. Those who oppose him only stand for the authority the King's commission gives them in the Barony of Kendal as well as other parts in Westmorland. I desire, till this dispute be ended, no more justices be appointed for Westmorland, that so no discouragement may be given to those that stand for the maintenance of the King's authority. I suppose the Custos Rotulorum, though undervalued by Mr. Fleming, merits as well to be heard concerning the state of the county as he. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 521.]

Feb. 24. Notes by Williamson. Trade &c. At the Lord Chancellor's. 100,000 pieces of calecut sent yearly into Holland from hence. The governors of the several Plantations omit to take the oaths prescribed by law. The New England abuses in their trade up to the Southward Plantations, &c. The officers of the Customs to be set in New England, pursuant to the Act about the Plantations, &c. N.B.—To get the law of Queen Elizabeth against foreign manufactures amended. Seven years' apprenticeships. Englishmen now outdo all the world in everything with time (?), as tobacco, sugar, indigo. Fine linens 1,200,000*l.* sterling yearly. Were for France not 70,000*l.*, whereas 30 years ago 400,000*l.* N.B.—All stuffs are made only of English wool. Spanish wool is too short. Cloths are or may be of both. N.B.—Fustians were heretofore generally worn to a great quantity in Spain and Portugal, &c. Now the manners of these countries have changed, and in their room are succeeded the Exeter stuffs, &c. Crespe (crape) coming into fashion from France was at 7*s.* a yard, in a little time we made it much better at 3*s.*, &c. 1,000,000*l.* linen from France yearly. Of the Spanish fleet money more comes to France than to England, Flanders, Holland and Genoa, &c., and $\frac{1}{10}$ ths of this for linen. Query.—What is the vent of French woollen manufactures in England? Yes, 8 or 9 years ago infinite quantities of French druggets vended here. So soon as ever we came to make them immediately out of fashion. To give a mode yearly in summer for stuffs, in winter for cloths. Nothing writ, only to have it done impartially. K[ing], Q[ueen], D[uke], D[uche]ss, &c. [*Ibid.* No. 53.]

Feb. 24. Sir J. Williamson to Mr. Bertie. Accepting his kind offer of his good offices with the Lord Treasurer, enclosing a note of his arrears in the Exchequer, besides his share of the common bill of extraordinaries given in by Sir L. Jenkins and himself, and beseeching the Lord Treasurer's favour to himself, which all that know his circumstances must believe he needs much more than those that make more noise. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, p. 78.]

Feb. 24. Sir J. Williamson to the Mayor of Gloucester. I have received yours of the 19th, subscribed by several of your Aldermen, with

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the enclosed copy of the infamous libel you were in prosecution of. I have acquainted his Majesty with your great care and zeal in the pursuit of the author and disperser thereof, which he takes very well, and desires you will by all means hunt it up as high as may be, and, wherever it is finally fastened, order must be taken that the party be proceeded against according to the utmost severities of the law. I have not yet had the opportunity of producing the matter at Council, so as to be able to give you any other directions, only I am to answer you for the reward promised by the proclamation, if we can by your help fasten it anywhere. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 43, No. 78.*]

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Whitehall.

Sir J. Williamson to Col. Sandys. I have received yours with the enclosed copy and have acquainted his Majesty with it. I shall not have an opportunity to produce it where any resolution can be taken on it till Sunday, after which I shall trouble you again on this occasion. [*Ibid. p. 79.*]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Mary Burford, widow, desiring a pension, her husband having died of the wounds he received from deerstealers in New Park, whereof he was keeper. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 89.*]

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Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the report of the Lord Lieutenant on Lord Duras' petition, calendared *ante*, p. 572, that in regard his Majesty has already by letters under the Sign Manual appropriated the said 20,000*l.* to the building of Windsor Castle with *non-obstantes* to all subsequent letters, the most proper course to render his Majesty's gracious intentions effectual will be either to order the receiver of the said 20,000*l.* to pay 3,000*l. per annum* quarterly to the petitioner, or else to grant him letters patent under the Great Seal of England for such an annual pension out of the said fund. [*Ibid.*]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Lord Chancellor of the petition of Lord Herbert of Cherbury praying, in consideration of his own and his father's sufferings and services, the advowson of the church of Montgomery, being not of the value of above 80*l. per annum*. [*Ibid. p. 91.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant, after reciting the petition of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of London as Governors of the Royal Hospitals of Christ, Bridewell and St. Thomas, and the report of the Lord Treasurer thereon, both calendared in the last volume, *pp.* 588, 589, for a grant and licence to them to enlarge the wharves and make the said stairs and causeways regular and convenient as is mentioned in the said report, and to that end for a grant to them of the six perches of ground taken in as therein mentioned, as also of two perches more in depth all alongst the shore adjoining the said Hospital ground, containing about 80 poles in length. [*3½ pages. Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 149.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 54.*]

Feb. 24.

The King to Thomas Dawkes, citizen and stationer of London. After reciting that the Earl of Carbery has at the desire of divers good subjects in Wales informed the King of the scarcity of books

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in the British language, and that to supply such want it is proposed that Dawkes (who, as the King is informed, has been at the charge of an expert composer for the said language in which he has lately printed the *Practice of Piety* to the great satisfaction of all our said subjects), may be admitted King's Printer for the British language, constituting the said Dawkes such printer for 14 years, with all the privileges that the King's Printers for other languages of right enjoy, with a proviso that nevertheless he shall not print any book without the previous licence of the Bishop of London or his nominees, nor any book the privilege whereof is already granted to any other of the King's Printers or to any others who have lawful right to the same. [*Precedents* 1, f. 183.]

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The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Warrant, after reciting that the King had considered the three enclosed petitions from Henry, Lord Cardross, Sir Patrick Hume of Polwart and Lieut.-General William Drummond, requiring them to exact full payment of the fine imposed on Lord Cardross and to take good security from him that neither he nor his family shall be guilty of similar offences, after which they are to set him at liberty; as to Sir Patrick Hume the sentence formerly pronounced declaring him incapable of all public trust is to be continued in full force till the King's pleasure be declared to the contrary, but in the meantime he is to be restored to liberty, and Lieut.-General Drummond is to be set at full liberty. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 3, p. 429.]

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Warrant for a charter to Patrick Boig of Burnehouses, commissar of Peebles, his heirs and assigns whatsoever, of the lands of Utterstowne, Burnehouses, Oxendean and Ryssiebrigs in the Earldom of March, Berwickshire, on his own resignation, with a change of the holding from simple ward to tax ward. [*Docquet. Ibid.* p. 480.]

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John Nicoll, servant to Lord Finch, Lord Chancellor, to the King. Petition, praying a grant of the office of writing all presentations to advowsons, &c. in the King's donation in reversion after Robert (*sic*) Eddowes, the present holder, for the lives of the petitioner and John Baker, his brother-in-law, and the life of the survivor. With note at foot by the Lord Chancellor that he had been made acquainted with the petition, and desired it might be presented to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 55.]

[Feb. ?]

Joseph Harris, late commander of the *Quaker* ketch, to the King. Petition for pardon, having been condemned by a Council of War for permitting his topsail and ensign to be struck to a Spanish man-of-war, and going on board of her; after sentence, he went on board the *Anne* yacht to be executed, but was reprieved. [*Ibid.* No. 56.]

Feb. 25.
London.

Sir G. Hamilton to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, Col. Oderiskoll (? O'Driscoll), who has very well and faithfully served his Majesty. [*French. Ibid.* No. 57.]

Feb. 25.
Welbeck.

The Duke of Newcastle to Williamson. Requesting him to procure his Majesty's approbation for Sir John Molyneux, — Perkins, and William Cartwright to be deputy lieutenants for

1676. Nottinghamshire, several of the deputy lieutenants being dead, and others not acting by reason of their absence from the country. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 58.]
- Feb. 25. Jo. Eddowes to Williamson. Being unhappily in the country, and hearing by chance that a person is now endeavouring to get the grant of a reversion of my place, the Presentation Office, I beg you to put a stop to it till my return, as I would move in it for myself, the reversion, I conceive, most properly belonging to the present possessor. I was in his late Majesty's service for the whole time of the war, underwent many losses and received some wounds. [*Ibid.* No. 59.]
- Feb. 25. Warrant for a commission appointing Robert, Viscount Yarmouth, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk in place of Horatio, Lord Townshend, with a clause for vacating the former commission constituting Lord Townshend Lord Lieutenant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 44, p. 22.]
- Feb. 25. Like warrant, *mutatis mutandis*, for appointing Edward Noell Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire in place of the Marquis of Winchester, with the insertion of the like clause as in the precedent warrant. Minute. [*Ibid.* p. 23.]
- Feb. 25. Warrant for a grant to Lewis, Lord Duras, of an annuity of 4,000*l.* for three years to commence from 25 Dec. next, and of a further annuity of 3,000*l.* for three years to commence from 25 Dec., 1679, to be paid out of the sum of 20,000*l.* yearly reserved to the King by the establishment for Ireland, which is to commence after 25 Dec. last, or out of any other part or branch of the Irish revenue, such annuities to be inserted in the present or intended or any future establishment for Ireland. With note that this warrant was afterwards altered. [2 pages. *Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 133.]
- Feb. 25. Similar warrant, but commencing with a recital that the King had been pleased to grant 21,000*l.* to Lord Duras, in consideration of his many eminent and faithful services, and towards great losses and charges sustained and the many debts contracted by him in the King's service, and generally directing the payment of the annuities to be paid out of the Irish revenue without mentioning any special fund, and that clauses should be inserted in the grant commanding the Vice-Treasurer and the officers of the Exchequer to cause the quarterly payments of the said annuities to be duly made from time to time on the sight of the letters patents without staying for any further or other warrant, and that, if the Irish revenue should be hereafter managed by Farmers or Commissioners, commanding such Farmers or Commissioners thereof or of any branch thereof in similar terms to cause the said quarterly payments to be duly made, such Commissioners to be allowed the same in their account, and such Farmers to be allowed to defalk and deduct the same from the rent of their Farm, and that such annuities during their continuance are to be as part of the present and all future establishments of that kingdom and are to be inserted therein, and also that, notwithstanding the letters of 15 Jan. last, giving directions touching the disposition of the 20,000*l.* a year reserved to the King by the present establishment, no more of the said 20,000*l.* shall be

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applied or issued according to such directions than shall remain after the said several annuities shall be fully satisfied and paid, which shall have the same preference of payment as if they had been at first inserted in the establishment. [*Nearly 3 pages. Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 144.*]

Feb. 25. Warrant to Richard Cutts to be gamekeeper within 10 miles of
Whitehall. Childerley, Cambridgeshire. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 185.*]

Feb. 25. Warrant for a pardon to Capt. Joseph Harris, lately condemned
Whitehall. by a court martial to be shot. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 25. Discharge to Benjamin Maddox, created a baronet, of 1,095*l.*, his
Whitehall. creation money. Minute. [*Ibid. p. 186.*]

Feb. 25. Privy Seal for payment to Sir Edward Griffin, Treasurer of the
Whitehall. Chamber, of 200*l. per annum* to be paid quarterly, to commence from Christmas last, the same to be paid by him to Nicholas Staggin, Master of the King's Music, for certain uses directed by the King, and to be received by him without account. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 25. Duplicate of the Lord Lieutenant's report dated 26 Feb., 1674-5, on the reference to him, dated 3 June, 1674, of Lord Kingston's petition. Before the passing of the Act of Settlement he was possessed of several lands he purchased from John Blackwell, who was possessed thereof as an Adventurer on 7 May, 1659, part being set out on the Doubling Ordinance, and of several other lands which by his Majesty's declaration were to be confirmed, and on his Majesty's letters he delivered up a great part of the said lands to Lord Dungan and other former proprietors thereof, before any decrees were obtained by them in the Court of Claims.

By a clause in the Act of Settlement all forfeited lands set out to Lord Kingston or Sir Robert King, his father, or purchased by them from any adventurers or soldiers or transplanted persons, and set out to or possessed by them before 7 May, 1659, are confirmed to Lord Kingston, subject to the rules for restoring lands to the former proprietors, with a proviso for his placing deficiencies or '49 arrears on such of them as were set out on the Doubling Ordinance.

Lord Kingston, by order of the Commissioners of the Court of Claims, delivered up his own and his father's '49 arrears, and so many deficient adventures as the Commissioners adjudged the Act required for such of the lands claimed by him as had been set out on the Doubling Ordinance.

On a report dated 29 Sept., 1664, of his Lordship's damage by the loss of the rents of the lands delivered up by him as aforesaid, his Majesty, by letters of 25 Jan., 1664-5, granted him several lands therein mentioned.

By a clause in the Act of Explanation Lord Kingston was to enjoy all the lands confirmed to him by the Act of Settlement, and those granted him by the said letters, and the Commissioners for executing the Act were to set out to him so much other forfeited lands as with the lands mentioned in the said letters should amount to the clear rent of 700*l. per annum*, and as, over and above the said rent, should be equal in value to two-thirds of all the lands recovered against him

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by any decrees therein confirmed or delivered up by him in obedience to his Majesty's letters.

On return of several commissions issued in pursuance of the said clause, several lands were set out to Lord Kingston towards his satisfaction of the said two-thirds, and by an order of 18 Dec., 1668, the said Commissioners declared that, though more lands were due to him towards his reprize, yet, as the stock of reprizals and the time of the Court's sitting was then but short, they would not grant him any more towards his reprizals.

It appears by a state of the deficiencies and debt due to him by the said Acts and of the lands given him towards satisfaction thereof that two-thirds of the lands lost and delivered by him, for which he was by the said Act to have satisfaction, according to the valuation made by virtue of the said commissions amounted to 3,067*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* yearly above the quit-rent, and according to the rates of purchase returned by the said Commissioners amounted to 44,484*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*, and that the lands set out to him by the Commissioners of the Court of Claims towards satisfaction thereof, computed by the valuation of the Lord Lieutenant and Council amounted to 2,134*l.* 12*s.* 9½*d.* above the quit-rent.

His Lordship also presented a list of several of the lands granted towards his reprizals, included in the said 2,134*l.* 12*s.* 9½*d.* amounting to 7,852 acres and reckoned to him at 658*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*, whereof the quit-rent is 119*l.*, which lands, by reason of incumbrances and their small value, he affirms have never yielded him any benefit, though he has paid the quit-rent thereof, and therefore offered to surrender them, but I do not think reasonable for his Majesty to accept such a surrender, lest he should lose part of the quit-rent payable thereout, but, if these lands be not reckoned any part of his satisfaction, the clear yearly value of all the lands he has hitherto obtained towards his reprize amounts to but 1,475*l.* 15*s.* 7½*d.*, which agrees with a rent roll given by his lordship of about that yearly rent the lands are now set for, but, as he took fines amounting to two years' rent on setting them, I conceive that the said reprized lands may be reckoned at 1,650*l.* *per annum*. It also appears by the said state of his deficiencies that the lands granted towards satisfaction of the 700*l.* *per annum* allowed him by the Explanatory Act, amount, according to the valuation of the Lord Lieutenant and Council, to 505*l.* 10*s.* 0½*d.* *per annum* above the quit-rent, and according to the value returned by valuers appointed under the Great Seal to but 428*l.* 15*s.* 9½*d.*, so that his deficiencies of two-thirds of the lands to be confirmed to him is 3,067*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* *per annum*, and his reprizals being reckoned at 1,650*l.*, he is still deficient of the yearly value of the lands lost by him 1,417*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* *per annum*, and the lands set out for his 700*l.* being reckoned to him at the highest valuation, he is still deficient 194*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* *per annum*, so that the whole yearly value of his deficiencies amounts to 1,611*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.*

The lands delivered up and lost by him as aforesaid lying in cos. Dublin, Kildare and Meath, and many of them very near the city of Dublin, were by the commissions issued by the Court of Claims valued some at 12, some at 15 and some at 16 years' purchase, and, the lands granted him in reprizal being valued at only 10 years' purchase, by reason thereof his deficiencies were by Lord Berkeley's

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report reckoned to amount to the great sum therein mentioned, but, as the said values have already been settled by the late Commissioners of Claims, I do not conceive it convenient further to inspect the same, other than by making the allowance aforesaid, and for the full completing of his satisfaction and in consideration of the various years' purchases aforesaid and the hazards and uncertainty of reprice lands, it may be reasonable that the said 1,417*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* yet unsatisfied be reckoned at 13 years' purchase, which comes to 18,421*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.*, which at 10 years' purchase, the general rate of reprice, will be 1,842*l.* 2*s.* 6½*d.* *per annum* besides the 194*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* that he is still deficient of the said 700*l.* *per annum*. Of the deficiencies of his whole claim 1,063*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* *per annum* was in trust for Edward Roberts, out of which the yearly quit-rent is 112*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, so there remains 951*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* *per annum*, towards satisfaction of which his Lordship has assigned over 548*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* *per annum*, so he yet remains deficient 402*l.* 10*s.* *per annum*, the rest is claimed by his Lordship in his own right.

I am of opinion that the manner of his satisfaction proposed by Lord Berkeley's report, viz., setting out and granting him so much lands, as should pay 1,200*l.* *per annum* quit-rents, may render the value of his reprice very uncertain, and may much exceed his Majesty's intentions and the value of the deficiencies due to him, wherefore I conceive that 2,000*l.* *per annum* above the quit-rent and all charges and incumbrances may be a sufficient proportion for his Majesty to allow Lord Kingston in full of all his demands both on his own account and in trust for Mr. Roberts as reprice due by the said Acts, and I have proposed the same to him and find him willing to accept it.

With note by the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Treasurer fully agreeing with the above report. Wallingford House, 28 Feb. 1675-6. [5 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 337, No. 9.]

Feb. 26. Lord Digby to Williamson. Paying his acknowledgements for
Sherborne. his great civilities to him, and wishing he knew wherein he might serve him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 60.]

Feb. 26. Francis Grigg to Williamson. You have abundantly shown
Pembroke yourself to be such a lover and patron of religion and learning that
Hall, you delight in nothing more than the advancement of both, which
[Cambridge]. you have sufficiently testified, not only by upholding, but by adding to those schools of the prophets, which our pious ancestors had provided. Here is a Cumberland gentleman from St. Bees School, who has been pre-elected Fellow above a year, but cannot come into full profits, no vacancy having happened since, nor is there any at present in sight, so he must be forced to retire into the country, not being able to subsist any longer here. He is a very civil person, and has the repute of an excellent good scholar. I would most willingly resign my fellowship to him for any considerable preferment, having a very great desire to be fixed in the world. It is our great unhappiness here that we do not meet with those advantages and encouragements as others do, who have their friends and relations at hand to advance their interest. It is probable you may meet with a speedy opportunity of relieving us here, and of becoming a benefactor to your countrymen here, as you have been already to those of your own famous University. [*Ibid.* No. 61.]

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Feb. 26.
Exeter. William Reade to Williamson. Having understood by the person employed in delivering my former letter to you concerning the mandate granted me by your procurement for a canonry at Exeter on the first vacancy, that I am not only unknown to you, but that it has passed your memory that any such letter was granted, or that it was obtained or moved for by such eminent persons as I insinuated, I have therefore again assumed the confidence of representing to you that his Grace of Canterbury sent Dr. Tomkins, his chaplain, then Canon of Exeter, to you for obtaining that letter, that the Bishop of Sarum sent his letter of request to you, and lastly Dr. Lamplugh, now Dean of Rochester, was divers times with you for procuring it, and my brother by means of one of your secretaries obtained an extract of it out of your Book of Entries, and I doubt not the Bishop of Sarum will, in some short time, either in person or by letter, second my request, which yet I hope you will esteem equitable and modest, considering that, notwithstanding the precedency of my letter, I only choose to stand on equal terms with such as may have obtained letters subsequent to mine, which is dated 3 May, 1672. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 62.]
- Feb. 26.
Whitehall. Commission to Thomas, Lord Howard of Escrick, to be lieutenant-colonel of the regiment of Foot Guards under Col. John Russell, in place of Lieutenant-Colonel Grey, deceased, and also captain of a company in the said regiment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, p. 150.]
- Feb. 26.
Whitehall. Commission to Sir Samuel Clarke to be major of the regiment of Foot Guards under Col. John Russell, and captain of a company in the said regiment. [*Ibid.* p. 151.]
- Feb. 26. Pass for Nicholas Staggs, Master of the King's Music, having leave to go to and remain in Italy and other foreign parts for a year, with his servants &c., to embark for his transportation and to return. [*Home Office, Warrant Book* 1, p. 136.]
- Feb. 27.
Christ's Hospital. William Parrey, clerk of Christ's Hospital, to Williamson. Last Friday the Lord Chancellor heard the cause relating to Henry Fryer's estate, and found there was a surplus (which is 79*l.* per annum presently, and 200*l.* after the death of a woman of above 80) which should be given to the poor for ever, and he declared he would wait on his Majesty to know of him what poor should enjoy it. You are humbly prayed to move his Majesty to remind the Lord Chancellor of the petition heretofore presented to his Majesty by the Governors of Christ's Hospital, and of the reference to his Lordship concerning the settling of the surplus on the poor children in Christ's Hospital, trained in mathematics and navigation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 63.]
- [Feb.?] The Governors of Christ's Hospital to the King. Petition for directions to the Lord Chancellor, that all the present and future surplusage of the said Fryer's estate may forthwith be settled for the benefit of the new royal foundation in Christ's Hospital, the cause having been lately heard before his Lordship, who declared he would attend his Majesty for his directions for settling the said surplusage. [*Ibid.* No. 64.]

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Feb. 27. Warrant for the committal of Robert Cobett to the Tower for treasonable practices. No person is to be allowed to speak to him nor is he to have the use of pen, ink or paper. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 149.*]
- Feb. 28. Sir Thomas Morgan to Williamson. Requesting him to contradict
Chaunston. to his Majesty the report that he designs to part with his employment in Jersey, adding that he has been severely handled with the gout, and that, as soon as his health is restored, he shall attend his Majesty in order to his going for Jersey. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 65.*]
- Feb. 28. Grant, upon the surrender of the offices of Clerk of the Recognizances and of the making and enrolling the same by Hugh May, of the said offices to the said Hugh May and Thomas May for their lives and the life of the survivor. [*Latin. On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case F, No. 74.*]
- Feb. 28. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Bernard
Whitehall. Grenville and Sir Gilbert Talbot praying his Majesty to make good and confirm to them a former grant of 20,000*l.* out of forfeited and concealed estates of nocents with an addition of two years more to the term wherein they are to raise it, of the enlargement of the fund to concealed mortgages, and of the sum granted to so much more as will defray the costs and charges the petitioners already have and hereafter shall be at in the recovering of the same, the petitioners placing deficiencies thereon, with a *non-obstante* to Col. Dillon's illegal clause of preference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 91.*]
- Feb. 29. *Caveat* at the desire of Mr. Halsey that nothing pass concerning the grant of the estate of Richard Hutton, of Gray's Inn, forfeited for killing James Peachey, till notice be given to Williamson. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 45, p. 21.*]
- Feb. 29. Report by the Lord Treasurer on the reference to him of the
Wallingford House. petition of Northampton, calendared *ante*, p. 569, that he does not find that 2,000 tons or so great a quantity of timber can be conveniently spared out of the said forests, but, if his Majesty affords 300 tons to be applied to rebuilding public places or for public uses, he will do a very good and charitable work, and that it will be a fitting quantity for the present to begin with: as to the sum raised in Northamptonshire on the one month's tax, he proposes that a letter may be written to the Lord Lieutenant and gentlemen of the county recommending the disposition of it towards the rebuilding of the said town: as to the remittance of the hearth-money he conceives them under the same necessity of his Majesty's grace and favour as the City of London to which that duty was remitted for seven years: he conceives the pardoning of the Excise there would be very little advantage to the town in general, but might create a great inconvenience in respect of the contract with the present farmers of that revenue. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 46, p. 94.*]
- Feb. 29. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the
Whitehall. petition of the Earl of Orrery, stating that he has in legal debentures from Adventurers and Soldiers 8,000 acres profitable land, plantation measure, according to the Act rates, for which he has as

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yet received no satisfaction, and praying a grant to place these deficiencies on such lands in Munster as he shall discover, and which are liable to satisfy the legal deficiency of Adventurers and Soldiers, and that he may out of such discoveries be satisfied his said 8,000 acres, and that letters patent be passed of them to him as Adventurers and Soldiers usually have, and that he might have liberty to place deficiencies on lands called Ballyclogh, co. Limerick, not exceeding 120 acres plantation measure, and lying near his ancient paternal estate in the said county, a reference thereof to the Lord Lieutenant, and his report dated 11 Feb. last that he conceives that, in regard, as the Earl assures him, several lands he had purchased of soldiers which he was for some years legally and quietly possessed of, have been decreed from him by the late Court of Claims, and he, as he avers, has as yet had no reprisals for the same, his Majesty may grant the petitioner letters that he, making good the said allegations, may place such Soldiers' and Adventurers' deficiencies as he has or shall purchase on such forfeited lands as he shall discover not exceeding 8,000 acres profitable land, and for passing to him one or more patents thereof under the quit-rents payable thereout by the Acts of Settlement, and that he may have preference to place deficiencies on the 120 acres mentioned in the petition, and that the Lord Treasurer agrees with his report; authorizing and requiring him, on the said Earl making out the allegations mentioned in the report, to cause effectual letters patent to be passed to him and his heirs or to such other persons as he shall appoint of so many lands forfeited to or vested in the Crown by the Acts of Settlement or Explanation as shall by him or them be discovered and tendered, not exceeding 8,000 acres of profitable land, plantation measure, under such yearly rents as are payable by Adventurers or Soldiers under the Act of Settlement in the provinces wherein the said lands shall lie, and also to grant to the said Earl and his heirs the castle, tenements and lands called Ballyclogh, co. Limerick, he placing deficiencies thereon according to the Act rates and paying the usual quit-rents, and further to admit the said Earl to place deficiencies on any interest satisfiable by the said Acts on any lands forfeited to or vested in the Crown by the said Acts that shall be discovered by him, and to issue such inquisitions for finding the King's title to any lands to be passed to the said Earl and for ascertaining the quantity of them as shall be necessary. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 9, p. 413.*]

Feb. 29. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the
Whitehall. petition of Richard Townesend, calendared *ante*, p. 543, for a grant to him and his heirs creating all the lands therein mentioned into a manor to be called the manor of Bridgetowne *alias* Coronea, with all the clauses usual in creations of manors and with power to hold a weekly market on every Friday at Bridgetowne and two yearly fairs there on 3 May and 3 Oct. [$3\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Ibid.* p. 426.]

[Feb. ?] William Killigrew, his Majesty's carver, to the King. Petition for a grant of the real and personal estate, amounting to about 40*l.* a year, of Smithfield, a felon of Shepton Mallard, Somerset, who hanged himself in prison. (*See ante*, p. 548.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 66.]

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Homage of Henry Compton, D.D., late Bishop of Oxford, now elected and confirmed Bishop of London. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II. Case F, No. 75.*]

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Homage of John Fell, D.D., now elected and confirmed Bishop of Oxford. [*On parchment. Ibid. No. 76.*]

Grants of denization to the following persons during the period comprised in this volume :—

Date.	Name.	Document.
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March 2	Giles Blott	<i>Precedents 1, f. 55</i>
" 2	William Kroges	" "
" 14	James Caron	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 51</i>
" 18	Staes Voghelaer	<i>Precedents 1, f. 57</i>
" 29	John Vaen	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 52</i>
April 1	Maerten Duts	<i>Precedents 1, f. 57</i>
" 1	Lawrence Slett	" "
" 7	Martin Bruer	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 54</i>
" 9	Peter Bart	" <i>p. 55</i>
" 23	Witte Lambert	" <i>p. 57</i>
" 24	John Cauwell	<i>Precedents 1, f. 60</i>
" 27	Francis Krinsen	" "
" 27	Marcus Mom	" "
" 28	Jacob Backer	" "
" 29	Matthys van Rooy	" <i>f. 63</i>
" 30	Bastian Reyners	" "
May 5	Peter Lembrack	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 58</i>
" 5	Antonio Verrio	" <i>p. 59</i>
" 26	John Decasure	<i>Precedents 1, f. 73</i>
" 27	Antonio Lonsada	" "
" 27	Gomez Rodrigues	" "
" 27	Domingo Francia	" "
" 27	Domingo de la Cerda	" "
" 27	Guillermo Vega	" "
" 28	Adrian Clarke	" "
" 28	Antonio Rodrigues	" "
June 1	Adrian Clapmues	" <i>f. 74</i>
" 2	Cornelis Juckes	" "
" 2	Bastian Verdoes	" "
" 2	Dominicus Adrianson	" "
" 3	Dirick Jansen	" "
" 5	Dirick Cornelisse	" "
" 5	Antony Johnson	" <i>f. 76</i>
" 5	Henry Jacobson	" "
" 5	Leonard Cornelison	" "
" 5	John Cente	" "
" 5	William Joosson	" "
" 5	Jurgen Jurgenson	" "
" 6	Robert Guthery	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 66</i>
" 11	Leonard Williamson	<i>Precedents 1, f. 79</i>
" 11	John Krichsman	" <i>f. 80</i>
" 15	Henry Hoaftman	" <i>f. 81</i>
" 15	John de Fevere	" "

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June	16	- Augustine Hanson	- <i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 66</i>
„	18	- John Groenwald	- <i>Precedents 1, f. 81</i>
„	27	- John Stonechest	- <i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 69</i>
July	3	- Passchier Liever	- „ „ „
„	6	- Michael de Raes	- <i>Precedents 1, f. 81</i>
„	6	- John Joppe	- „ „
„	6	- Jacob Starman	- „ „
„	6	- Alvaro de Fonseca	- „ „
„	6	- Gaspar Francisca	- „ „
„	6	- Francisco de Pavia	- „ „
„	6	- John de Velaer	- „ „
„	6	- John Marteel	- „ „
„	6	- John Cornelis	- „ „
„	8	- Francis van Kerke-	-
		hove	- <i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, f. 70</i>
„	8	- Ary Peterson Wey-	-
		man	- „ p. 71
„	13	- Alexander Matthyson	- <i>Precedents 1, f. 84</i>
„	17	- Aron Baron Lonzada	- „ f. 87
„	17	- Michael Druyst	- „ „
„	17	- Conrad Legers	- „ „
„	20	- Scholte Alles	- „ f. 88
„	25	- Cryne Vandorne	- <i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 76</i>
„	25	- Cornelis Lambracks	- „ „
„	26	- Henry van Camper	- „ „
Aug.	3	- Lawrence Arent-	-
		sensis	- <i>S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 140</i>
„	6	- Adrian vande Viner	- <i>Precedents 1, f. 94</i>
„	18	- Mary Lewes <i>alias</i>	-
		Peisley, wife of	-
		William Peisley,	-
		of St. Margaret's	-
		Westminster	- „ „
„	18	- John Brewer	- „ „
„	18	- Hubert Sanse Baes	- „ „
„	18	- Frans Janson Snep	- „ „
„	24	- Thomas Simon	- <i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 78</i>
„	25	- Harman Dryoot	- <i>Precedents 1, f. 99</i>
„	29	- Peter de Kien	- „ f. 101
Aug.	(?)	- Gerrard Woeyt	- „ f. 98
Sept.	8	- John Floeck	- „ „
„	11	- Henry Baltes	- <i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 78</i>
„	11	- Gunter Oulson	- „ „
„	19	- John Ipping	- <i>Precedents 1, f. 106</i>
„	25	- Vasmer Harlah	- „ f. 109
„	30	- John Henrickson	- „ f. 111
Oct.	1	- Matthias van den	-
		Berg	- „ „
„	6	- Jacob David-	- „ f. 112
„	6	- Henry Verbarne	- „ „
„	7	- Anthony Nyssen	- <i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 84</i>
„	7	- Cornelius and John	-
		Bart	- „ „ „

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Oct.	7	- Jacob Cornelisson -	<i>Precedents 1, f. 112</i>
"	7	- John Roberts -	" "
"	7	- Jacob Douwes -	" "
"	17	- Francis Bernards -	" <i>f. 116</i>
"	18	- Adam Goudt -	" "
"	18	- George Ely -	" "
"	18	- Matthias de Pont -	" "
"	18	- Seger Clais -	" "
"	30	- Abraham Thome- guer -	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 88</i>
"	31	- Simon Heere -	" "
"	31	- Peter Andrewson -	<i>Precedents 1, f. 117</i>
"	31	- Andrew Johnson -	" "
Nov.	2	- Peter Mathysen -	" "
"	2	- Peter Vogelaer -	" "
"	19	- Francis Deschodt -	" "
"	21	- Ericke Bartelson -	" <i>f. 120</i>
"	30	- John Slaymer -	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 97</i>
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Jan.	5	- Peter Rooster -	<i>Precedents 1, f. 126</i>
"	7	- John Johnson Clayne	" "
"	8	- Guillaume Four- drinier -	<i>Home Office, Warrant Book 1, p. 103</i>
"	13	- Jacob Maurits -	<i>Precedents 1, f. 128</i>
"	26	- Bartholomew Contales	" <i>f. 129</i>
"	29	- John Paine -	" <i>f. 130</i>
Feb.	4	- Andrew Vandevell	" <i>f. 132</i>
"	12	- John Haddock -	" "
"	12	- George Karstin -	" "
"	18	- Gabriel Symon Browne	" "
"	18	- Borrey Bartelson -	" "
"	18	- Jacob Cornelis -	" "
"	26	- Jacob Leutea -	" <i>f. 133</i>

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[1675.
Sept ?] The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the clause in the Act of Explanation which directed payment to Richard Stratford of London of 3,000*l.* out of the 30,000*l.* to be levied in lieu of the lapsed money, for levying the said sum of 3,000*l.*, part of the said 30,000*l.*, according to the rules and directions of the letter of 1 Feb. last (1675, calendared in the last volume, p. 567), and for payment thereof to the said Richard Stratford. (*See ante*, p. 318.) [*Draft. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 337, No. 10.*]

[1675.
Oct. ?] Case of Alexander McDonnell and Lady Elizabeth Teresa, his wife. About 1652, Henry, late Earl of Arundel, father of the said Lady Elizabeth and Thomas, now Duke of Norfolk, conveyed lands of the yearly value of 12,000*l.* and upwards to the Marquis of Dorchester and the Earl of Peterborough in trust that part of the profits thereof should be paid to Lord Henry, his second son, now Earl Marshal, and the rest equally divided among his six younger children. The said Earl Marshal has since purchased the shares of all the said younger children except the petitioner. The petitioner Alexander married the said Lady Elizabeth above a year ago (Sept., 1674) and ought to have an account of the profits of part of the lands, and to have the trust executed, which the trustees always refused, so that he has been forced to proceed against them in Chancery for a performance of the trust. (Recital of a petition of both petitioners to the House of Lords for leave to proceed in their suit against the trustees, and of a second petition to the same effect, which was dismissed 9 May, 1675 (*see the Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Part II, p. 60*), on a supposition that the trustees were trustees for the Earl Marshal and not for the petitioners, and that leave was craved to proceed against the Earl Marshal as well as the trustees.) The petitioner does not intend to proceed against the Earl, till the privilege of Parliament is out, but hopes he may have leave to proceed against the trustees according to the order in the case of the Earl of Westmorland *v.* Lord Holles, without incurring the displeasure of the House. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 67.*]

[1675.
Oct. ?] Complaint of James Percy, cousin and next heir male to Joscelin Percy, Earl of Northumberland, deceased, to the House of Commons. Stating the proceedings in ejectment in which Robert Utting, the lessee of the said Percy, was plaintiff, and Sir John Copleston, the trustee of Elizabeth, Lady Clifford, was defendant, for the recovery of lands in Cannington and Rodaway, Somersetshire, and the order of the House of Lords of 28 May, 1675 (*printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XII, p. 707*), on Lady Clifford's petition, stopping the proceedings therein during the privilege of Parliament, and that, though Sir John had offered to waive his privilege, provided the plaintiff gave security for costs, which was done, he then refused to do so, that 15 June, the day appointed for trial, Percy appeared with his witnesses and begged that the trial might go on, because Lady Clifford was never named in the suit, and other persons concerned

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were sheltering themselves under her pretended privilege, but the defendant alleged the order of the House of Lords and declared they stood on the privilege of Parliament, so the plaintiff's counsel dared not plead and the trial was put off, and praying their serious considerations therein and to blow over this black cloud of oppression by a brisk gale of justice. On his last complaints the House adjourned a further debate for a fortnight, but parliament was prorogued the same day. He has continued his claim above five years. [*Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 68.*]

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David Walter, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, to the King. Petition, stating that the estate of Daniel O'Brien, Viscount Clare, is in arrear for quit-rent, which can no otherwise be paid but by a seizure of the same to his Majesty's use, and, as several persons are petitioning for a *custodium* of the same, which, if granted to any stranger, may ruin the houses, the other improvements and the tenants thereon, and destroy the said estate, praying for a grant to the petitioner of a *custodium* thereof at such rent as his Majesty may think fit, that so the said Viscount and his wife, who are the petitioner's relations, may not only subsist and the ancient crown rents thereout be answered, but also so much of the arrear and growing quit-rents may be secured, as his Majesty shall continue on the report which shall be made in this case by the commissioners for Irish affairs, before whom the same now depends. (*See ante, pp. 344, 345.*) [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 387, No. 11.*]

[Before
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William Ryley to Fabian Phillips. I send you this again with the copy of the petition enclosed which concerns the first part. If it be not worded according to this petition, I doubt it may not be useful, if not well considered. Pray look this up and put this and the next into a certain method. Written on the back of an extract from the Parliament Roll of 46 Edw. III. No. 48, being a petition with the King's answer relating to the Search and Exemplification of Records. On the back is also written a request by J. Borough for permission to search about the manor of Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, and what privileges belong to it. [*Ryley died in Nov., 1675. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 69.*]

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Nov. 20.]

Protest against the rejection of the address for dissolving the Parliament. (*Printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XIII, p. 93.*) Annexed is a list of the Lords who voted for and against the vote for the above address, which is printed in the *Ninth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Part II., p. 79.* [*Ibid. No. 70.*]

[1675 ?]

Case of Mr. Briscoe. John Seyliard died in 1669, without any will then pretended, leaving a daughter, Elizabeth, an infant about a year old. Letters of administration were granted to his brother Thomas, and on his death to Edward Briscoe, the infant's uncle by the mother's side. Afterwards Dorothy Powell, in whose care the infant was and is, and who was allowed 20*l.* a year for keeping her, trumped up a nuncupative will, under which she claims the whole estate during the infant's minority for her maintenance. Briscoe was about to prefer a bill in Chancery praying for a confirmation of his guardianship, when he discovered that her father had been a merchant tailor and a freeman of the City. He then abandoned

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the bill and went to Alderman Sir J. Sheldon and requested that the Lord Mayor and Aldermen should remove the child from Dorothy Powell, for she had trumped up a nuncupative will and made her interest for the guardianship merely for the sake of the estate. He directed Briscoe to inform the Court of Aldermen, and she was summoned to appear before them with the child, which she did after several summonses, in which she had made several friends who urged for the continuance of the child with her, as she had been delivered to her by her father and mother and continued with her by her uncle Thomas. Briscoe answered that the father, mother, and uncle would have never delivered or kept the child in her keeping, had they foreseen she would have acted as she did, but an order was made for the continuance of the child with her with an allowance of 35*l.* a year, and so it rests at present. Now Dorothy Powell desires an administration and the guardianship of the child, who is now upwards of 7 years old, and, though the Lord Mayor and Aldermen are her guardians as a freeman's child, she applies to the civil law, knowing that the child will choose her as guardian and that the Court will admit her on such choice, and will vacate Briscoe's administration by virtue of her thus being admitted guardian, and has cited him to appear at Doctors' Commons to show cause why she should not be admitted guardian and his administration be *ipso facto* vacated. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 379, No. 71.]

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Jan. 10.
The Hague.

Peter du Moulyn to Lord ———. The officers of the Royal Regiment of Fops, whereof your worship is adjutant, having understood that the affairs of his Majesty, who is colonel of the said regiment, are in no very good condition since the prorogation of Parliament, and are like every day to wax worse and worse, unless new measures be taken suitable to the present emergencies, have thought fit in pursuance of a resolution taken in a council of the said officers to conjure you immediately on receipt hereof to make your address to the said colonel, desiring him in their name to give out speedy orders for a general rendezvous and muster of the said regiment at Blackheath with all convenient speed, as not only the last of remedies but the best of means to secure the great interests of your religion and property, to bridle the impertinencies of Parliaments, to assert and maintain the good old position against the fanatics' good old cause that monarchy is *jure divino*, that the bishops, who are chaplains of the said regiment, are one of the three estates, the Temporal Lords another, and the Commons the third, and the colonel head of those three estates, that the said chaplains are not therefore to be confounded or mixed with the said Temporal Lords, and generally by the means aforesaid to effect those great things which we have in our hearts to do for the people, but dare not at present express. And, to the end that nothing may be wanting on our parts, we have thought fit to make the French King major of the said regiment, and to the King of Sweden we have given a captain's place, and we think they have well deserved the same in this last summer's campaign, to speak nothing of the general intrigue. You are therefore to take care that the said kings have their commissions sent them accordingly. But, in case

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you find yourself too much intrigued, when, besides your important affairs at Hicks Hall, the weight of this business so nearly concerning our special service shall come upon you, I'll recommend to you the assistance of Lauderdale, the Colonel's buffoon. Consult him in the ear, you know his sufficiency. But one thing must not be forgotten as being a more than usual concern for us, and that is, the business of our salaries. Therefore we must desire your assistance in procuring an order from the Colonel that we may draw bills on Alderman Backwell, the cashier of the regiment, for the three years due to us, as well to take off our anticipations as for the buying our equipage for the approaching campaign. Though we have not been so good husbands as we might have been, yet you know there wants not good-will in us to spend more, if we had it.

You know that the nation had a pretty stock both of money and honour at the most happy restoration of the Colonel, but we have pretty well eased them of both, so that we hope we shall be able to make the Colonel as absolute in his government as the major is in his, which of all things would most effectually secure religion and liberty and set him out of the reach of the people, parliament and laws, for you know that he is greater than them, and besides he was not made for the people, but the people for him.

If the Duke join with the Country party, we are undone. Besides, who knows what that distinction may run up into? But, to secure what we can in a desperate game, press the Colonel that Buckingham and Shaftesbury be brought to a council of war as deserters.

It is true we cannot but tell you how much we are concerned for your religion and property. But, God's fish, what will become of our women and children, an interest yet dearer to us, if powerful remedies be not applied to these growing mischiefs, our women that are sweeter than angels, nay than gold itself? [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 379, No. 72.*]

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Christian and Elizabeth, daughters and heirs of Col. Patrick Hayes, deceased, to the King. Petition, stating that the case between the Senate of Hamburg and the petitioners has been heard very often both by the late and present kings and also in the late times of usurpation and satisfaction adjudged to be made by the Senate, who still endeavour to evade compliance therewith, on pretence that they were not heard to make their defence neither at the Council of Scotland nor before the Committee of the Privy Council here for the affairs of Hamburg, and have now lately signified as much by their letters to Sir J. Williamson, insinuating likewise to him their supposed absolution from the petitioners' just demands by the letter which Monsr. Garmers obtained from his Majesty, as the petitioners conceive by a surprise, all which pretences are not only illusory, but with great boldness reflect on the justice of the Councils of both kingdoms of giving rash and sudden judgment without making intimation to the agent of that Senate to appear before them, whereas the intimations were not only given but proved before any order was made by either Council, and the pretences of the Senate are only to delay the petitioners of the just satisfaction adjudged their due above 30 years ago. Notwithstanding these pretences made by the

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Senate in their letters to Secretary Williamson, they have since made offers for a composure of this business to Sir William Swan, the Resident there, as he has signified by several letters to Peter Proby, of London, merchant. But since those offers they have sent Monsr. Garmers away for some months to a congress at Mulhausen and pretend they cannot make any offers till his return, and therefore praying his Majesty to command his Resident at Hamburg to acquaint that state in *ultimam instantiam* that, if they shall not forthwith satisfy Peter Proby, who has full power to act for the petitioners, what is due to them according to Sir Walter Walker's report, which was lately transmitted to them, his Majesty will grant such redress to the petitioners by granting them letters of marque or otherwise as the justice of the case and the law of nations require. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 879, No. 73.*] *Annexed, References dated 16, and 29 November, 1660 and 20 March and 31 May, 1661, of Patrick Hayes' petition. [Copies. Ibid. No. 73 i.]*

The King to the Senate of Hamburg. Thanking them for their congratulations on his restoration.—Since our commissaries appointed to examine the business between Col. Hay and your state have reported that justice has not been delayed or denied, no ground has been shown for the reprisals demanded, but we have accepted as sufficient excuse the information laid before us. 19-29 July, 1661, Westminster. [Latin. Copy. Ibid. No. 73 ii.]

The City of Hamburg to Secretary Corentry. They have examined the letter of his Excellency to them in favour of John Dickson, according to the series of acts and protocols in the Hayes' business, and find he has given his Excellency an untrue report and has omitted many things. (They then go on to argue against the Hayes' claim, particularly insisting on the above letter of July, 1661, as an answer to it.) Oct. 1, 1675. [Latin. Copy. 2½ pages. Ibid. No. 73 iii.]

The Magistrates and Senate of Hamburg to Secretary Williamson. Similar to the last, but going with more detail into the business. Oct. 1, 1675. [Latin. Two copies. 4 pages. Ibid. Nos. 73 iv., v.]

Feb. 11. Warrant for a yearly pension of 1,000*l.* to James, Earl of
Westminster. Northampton, during pleasure, from 24 June last. [*Copy. Ibid. No. 74.*]

[Feb. ?] Katherine Maclier, late wife of Sir James Maclier, son of Sir John Maclier, deceased, to the King. Petition, stating that Katherine Butler *alias* Cantwell, was the petitioner's grandmother and had right to divers lands in Tipperary, and entered her claim for the same, and was adjudged innocent by the late Commissioners of the Court of Claims, and having done so they left her to the law to prove her title and recover the lands, but the person entrusted by her neglected to take out the said decree of innocence and to pay the fee thereof, and that the petitioner, being her grandmother's heiress, is on this bare pretence, though the title was fully proved, barred at law in obtaining the possession of her right, the persons in possession of the said estate having shifted it from

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hand to hand by sales and blind bargains, being conscious of the injustice of their own and the justness of the petitioner's title, and that the petitioner's father-in-law and husband loyally assisted his Majesty both before and at his being in Scotland to their utmost with thousands of pounds and never had any satisfaction, so that the petitioner thereby became desolate and disabled to subsist and has for many years incurred many debts, and praying, that, as the petitioner having a clear right to the said lands ought not to be barred from the recovery thereof by the negligence or falseness of her said grandmother's solicitor in not taking out the decree during the continuance of the power of the said Court, that his Majesty would grant her his right and interest in the said lands, that the petitioner's adversaries in possession may not plead anything in bar to her just and equitable claim, and order the judges in Ireland to inspect the books of entries and examine witnesses, and, if they find there was judgment of innocency, to give judgment for the petitioner, that so she may have speedy possession of her right of descent from her ancestors who had the possession for many hundred years. *At the foot,*

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Reference thereof to Sir W. Jones, Attorney-General. On the back,

His report that as to the part which prays the royal right and interest, he thinks it not fit to be done, because there is an order of his Majesty and Council to the contrary, till Adventurers and Soldiers be fully satisfied, but conceives it may be fit that his Majesty signify to the Lord Lieutenant to command those who have the custody of the Entry Books to produce them or authentic copies thereof concerning the claim and judgment of innocency of Katherine Cantwell, to be brought for the petitioner as evidence at any trial at Clonmel for the recovery of the lands. 20 April. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 387, No. 12.]

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